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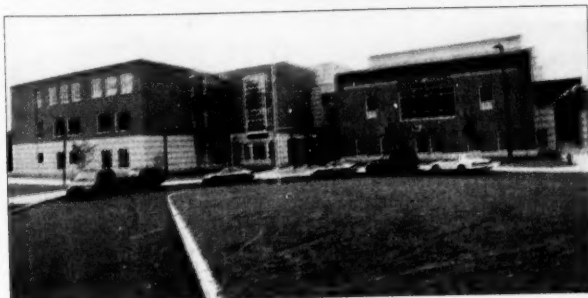
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A new elementary and middle school awaits students today, Sept. 5.

Parents, students take tour of new schools as sneak preview

All schools open today

By Ben Hellman

It was a free for all at High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools this week at the open house Tuesday night. With the exception of the auditorium, virtually every one of the facility's 178,105 square feet were open to the public. Parents and children filled the

halls and wandered freely through the large complex and were able to poke through just about everything.

The School Building Committee offered a fact sheet and map of the schools to visitors. High Plain Elementary school has 48,580 square feet. Wood Hill has 75,895 square feet and

the two schools share a kitchen, mechanical room and auditorium amounting to 53,630 square feet. There are 200 smoke detectors, 2,500 lights, 10,500 yards of carpeting and 15,000 bricks.

Students may not remember where their classrooms are for the first few

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Andover may withhold money on project

Contractor was charged \$2,000 per day for lateness

By Rebecca Piro

Just because the new High Plain and Wood Hill schools opened on time today, Thursday, it doesn't mean that general contractor John T. Callahan will be paid the \$56,000 the School Building Committee has withheld thus far.

"There's been absolutely no deal," says Mark Johnson, chairman. "We believe we have a right to withhold it."

According to the contract, the town had the right to charge Callahan \$2,000 per day if the project was not substantially complete by June 18, the project's substantial completion date. Callahan missed this date by several weeks.

In total, the School Building Committee voted not to pay Callahan \$56,000.

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But that decision wasn't only a ploy to push Callahan to work harder, says Johnson. He believes the town truly has a right to the money, and he is ready to fight for it.

That fight begins now. The School Building Committee will sit down with Callahan during the next two to three months and try to hammer out their differences. Besides the withheld payments, the town has other claims against Callahan, says Johnson. There were multiple changes in building materials and labor that ended up costing less than Callahan had estimated, such as changes in the amount of wall tiles and cabinets needed. The town wants to recoup those differences.

Johnson predicts that Callahan, who did not return calls from the *Townsmen*, will likely claim that the town caused him to fall several weeks behind schedule, and that he should be paid the money.

"I'm sure Callahan is going to want to have (the \$56,000) back," Johnson says.

While the building committee and Callahan negotiate, workers will be putting finishing touches on the new schools. To motivate them to finish the job, the town will wait to pay the final five percent of the construction budget, or about \$1.3 million. It's called the retainage amount, and communities typically withhold it for one year after the project is complete - to guarantee its completion.

If Callahan and the building committee cannot negotiate their differences, a judge will decide for them.

"Even though the schools are open, it doesn't mean the project is over," says Johnson.

To date, the town has paid about \$22.7 million to Callahan, or about 94 percent of the contract.

ONE YEAR LATER: SEPTEMBER 11



Mary Ann Casdia, manager of The Strawberry Tree, prepares a tribute in her window on Main Street.

Memories remain strong

Town ceremony on Wednesday at Collins Center

By Judy Wakefield and Rebecca Piro

"Soon enough, I'll move on. None of us has a choice. Life must go on."

That's how Joe Magner of Tanglewood Way North closed a letter he wrote to the *Townsmen* 16 days after the terrorist attacks changed America.

Now, Andover and communities across the country are preparing for the one-year anniversary of September 11. Many people are still looking for the best way to "go on." Andover lost two residents and at least six more people with town ties. Here's a closer look at who Andover is remembering this week:

Mildred Naiman

At Andover's senior citizen housing complex on Frye Circle, it's Mildred Naiman who's on everyone's mind.

"We all think of her now and then when we all meet in a group here," said Alice Scaford, a Frye Circle resident. "We think of her as a beautiful person."

Naiman, 81, was affectionately known as "Milly." She boarded a plane with plans to visit her two sons and grandchildren in Sacramento, Calif. She never made it.

Naiman was born in Lawrence and worked as a tester for 25 years at Western Electric Co. During her years at Frye Circle,

she volunteered at the Andover Senior Center and took her neighbors on shopping trips in her blue Corsica.

Rhoda Calvert, also of Frye Circle, has since depended on public transportation to get to the shopping plaza and back. Her friend's company and conversation are other things that she misses.

"I'm managing all right," she says. "She was such a lovely, outgoing woman. She was willing to help in any way she could."

Naiman was grandmother to eight children and great-grandmother to four more. She had three sons, Russell and William

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Officials look to can bad contractors

Following years of troubled projects, Andover pushes for change to law

By Rebecca Piro

Andover selectmen and the town's state delegation agree it's time to nail bad contractors - by reforming public construction laws.

The current laws don't hold contractors accountable for their work, officials say. They don't give communities the choice to reject an unqualified, undependable bidder.

"Everyone feels that our hands are tied," says Selectman John Hess. "It would be nice to have some options in the bidding process."

The process - and its frustrations - are not unfamiliar to Andover. The two new schools

barely opened on time, after the town's School Building Committee wrestled with the contractor in weekly meetings and withheld several thousand dollars of payment. That contractor had at least one other late school project on his record.

The town's public safety center is one year behind schedule, and the contractor is blaming the town and the weather for the delays.

The sewer expansion project is on schedule, but the contractor in charge is the same one who was fined more than \$200,000 by OSHA after two of his workers were partially buried in a water main project in

Andover in 1998.

The public construction laws require communities to take the lowest bidder for a project, or risk being sued by the lowest bidder. But, if Andover officials had had the choice, would they have chosen different contractors for the jobs?

"I'd rather not comment on that, because they are currently our contractors," says Joe Piantadosi, Plant and Facilities director for the town.

But Selectman Mary Lyman will say that the schools, at least, didn't have to be so strenuous a job.

"We are happy the schools are done, but I feel we certainly

could have had an easier time if some changes (to the law) had been made," she says.

With that in mind, selectmen are drafting a letter with suggested improvements to Andover's state senator and representatives, and to gubernatorial candidates.

The suggestions include allowing communities to choose from the three lowest bidders; protecting communities from lawsuits filed by rejected contractors; and allowing a community to sue a contractor if that contractor fails to complete a building on time.

The law as it stands today

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Coming
this week in the
**Sunday
Eagle-Tribune**

■ **Lifestyle.** With our faith in many institutions rattled, local people are finding hope by turning, or returning, to their religious faith.

■ **News.** Details about what's going on throughout the Merrimack Valley on Sept. 11 to remember that day of national tragedy.



Guest column

The day school was washed out



Elinor Oberlin

In the 1930s the Shawsheen River was a pleasant little stream which ran through the center of Shawsheen Village. I passed near it every day as I walked to Shawsheen Elementary School on the hill. I didn't know where it came from - no doubt from the foothills west of Andover. I didn't know where it went. I now know it must have emptied into the Merrimack River, but at that time I really didn't care; it was simply there. It ran behind the houses of some of my friends and we occasionally took off our shoes and socks and waded in it. We wandered along it, picking watercress and eating it. Our mothers would not have been happy about that, but it never seemed to do us any harm. One fall it had been raining heavily for some days. Nevertheless, dressed in raincoats and rubbers, and armed with umbrellas, we trudged to school each day. On the way home we stopped sometimes at a little bakery in the center of town. It was run by three maiden ladies who sold pastries and penny candy. For one or two cents you could get a jawbreaker guaranteed to pull out your fillings. For 10 cents you could buy an "Eccles cake," an import owed, I believe, to their Scottish heritage. It was a round pastry with a sugar glaze, filled with

raisins. I have looked for it elsewhere without success. I finally found a near facsimile in a bakery in Victoria, B.C. just a few years ago. One morning in the middle of the week the rain had stopped. We were preparing to dress for school, when our mother came in and said there would be no school today. My sister and I looked at each other in glad surprise. It was not that we disliked school, but it was so ... daily! We welcomed a change from the routine; we were very creative kids and never bored. We could find plenty to do with crayons, paper and cardboard. The Sears catalog was a great source for making paper dolls outfitting them and furnishing their houses with elaborate furnishings. (Whatever happened to paper dolls? They were a lot of fun.) There did not seem to be any reason why we could not attend school as usual, but there was. During the night the swollen Shawsheen River had overflowed its banks and flooded the entire center of the town. The route we usually took to school was flooded with several feet of water. The Balmoral Spa, where we went to get ice cream cones, had water up the main steps and into the main store. Those homes of the friends who lived on the bank of the river had two or three feet of water in them and the basements were full to the brim. In short, there was a lake today where there had not been one yesterday. We put on our coats and rushed downtown to see the new landscape. For us it was a big adventure. Our homes were too far from the town center to be affected so we enjoyed it for its novelty. People

rowed around in boats, evacuating homes. Everyone was out at the edge of the flood watching to see what would happen next. Soon we saw a boat containing a man in a diving suit. He was rowed to a certain spot where he donned his diving helmet and got into the water. After searching for a while, he suddenly and totally disappeared. We were told that he had gone down into an open manhole under the street. What he did there we kids were not informed, but we figured it had something to do with pipes or electricity. After a while he came up and was rowed away. After hanging around for several more hours we got bored and went home for a hot lunch. By the next day the water had receded, but there was several weeks of cleanup and repair. We went back to school. The excitement was over. In a few days the river receded farther and again became quiet and pristine. The incident was brought to mind by a recent article in the *Townsmen* about a clean-up of the river by a group of volunteers who took more than 150 tires out of the water. The comparison of my river with the present trash-filled stream seemed to me a metaphor of what is happening to our American landscape everywhere, as a result of our avid consumer society. Thank goodness for the clean-up efforts of those concerned folks. Would there were more of them.

Elinor H. Oberlin, a former Andover resident, shares her memories by writing from her home in California.

New schools

With funds, building group looks at what still needs to be added

There's \$350,000 that might be burning a hole in the town's pocket. Last April, Town Meeting agreed to put aside that much money in addition to the \$688,000 contingency that the town originally budgeted for the project. Officials sold the vote by promising residents that they would not touch the extra \$350,000 unless they absolutely had to. Now, says Mark Johnson, School Building Committee Chairman, they just might be at that point. He's asked teachers at the new High Plain and Wood Hill schools to compile lists of what they consider essential needs in terms of furniture and equipment. Johnson says he's prepared to

spend the money if necessary. "We don't want to spend it," says Johnson. "(But) if (teachers) have something (on the list) that they believe is critical, we want to at least have a discussion on it." Only about \$230,000 remains of the original contingency fund, as the building committee has already spent it on furniture and equipment that was chopped out of the budget some months ago, when the contractor found radon gas at the schools' site and had to build a radon mitigation system. The building committee won't draw from the \$350,000 without exhausting the original contingency fund, Johnson promises. — Rebecca Piro

Following problems, effort to change state construction

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was created in the 1970s to prevent corruption and nepotism in public construction, says Piantedosi. "Someone came up with a well-intentioned act, and it got out of hand and went the other way," says

Selectman Ray Hender. "We're hoping to swing the pendulum back to the middle." Rep. Barry Finegold supports the selectmen's ideas and wants to take them even further. He plans to file a bill in November that builds on their suggestions, by banning contractors who finish multiple jobs behind schedule from accepting new jobs. He would also like to see contractors pay damages to communities where a project is late. He wants to eliminate sub-bids for smaller jobs done within a contract, such as masonry. And he wants to make contractors subject to a review by an independent agency after their project is completed. "I've lived through two (public) building projects," says Finegold, who watched the troublesome renovation of Andover High School when he was a selectman, and saw the "Herculean job" that the School Building Committee had in forcing the contractor to finish the new schools on time. "I'm convinced, it's not the town - it's the laws." "It's time for a complete overhaul," agrees Sen. Sue Tucker. "All my communities are crying out for relief from these regulations." Selectmen, who will review the letter at their meeting Monday night, will send the final version to surrounding communities and the Mass. Municipal Association as well. "I think the time is right," says Hender.

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It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election. Thus, no letters about the primary will be accepted for next week's paper.

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IN BRIEF

Conservation
overseers

The Andover Conservation Commission will hold a meeting of the conservation overseers tonight, Thursday, Sept. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the selectmen's conference room of the Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. All current overseers wishing to be reappointed and those who would like to serve for the first time or who want more information about the program are encouraged to attend.

Overseers volunteer as the "eyes and ears" of the Conservation Commission for nearly 1,800 acres of town-owned conservation land, according to Philip L. Sutherland, Conservation Commission vice chairman and chief of overseers.

For more information contact the Conservation Commission office at 978-623-8311.

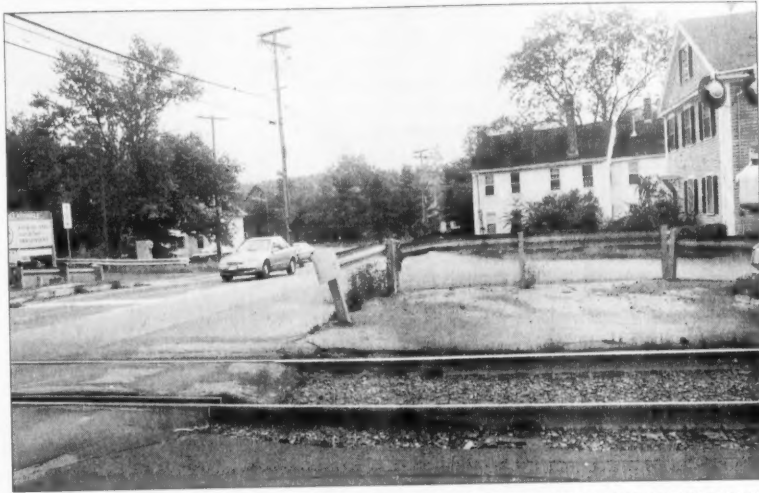
September health
clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Sept. 9 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, Sept. 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25. No appointment is necessary.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, the *Townsmen* misspelled the name of a candidate for the 18th Essex District. Kathy Sachs is the Republican candidate for that new district which includes precincts 1, 7 and 8 in Andover.

PAST AND PRESENT



A look at the train tracks in Ballardvale, from two eras.

Quote, unquote . . .

SHE JUST JUMPED OUT OF THE PLANE and said 'It's all yours.' I was kind of not expecting it.
— Victoria Britton, 17 and a member of the Civil Air Patrol, on how her instructor gave Britton her first solo flight. (Story, page 11)

THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS have their own bedroom, but we don't. We sleep on the futon.
— Maggi Dalton, a traveling performer who, along with her husband Jim, collects old instruments. (Story, page 19)

News Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 5

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 7

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 9

Board of Health, Town Offices, first floor, 6-9 p.m.

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Vision 21 Committee, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

Patriotic Holiday Korean Vets Committee, Andover High School, Collins Center lobby, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 12

Council on Aging, Town Offices, second floor, 8 a.m.

In primary: New precinct for town

Last year the legislature finalized redistricting plans for the state that will be used for voting purposes.

The office of state representative in the town of Andover was redistricted.

For the next 10 years the town will vote for state representative in the following two districts: Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 — will vote in the Seventeenth Essex District;

Precincts 1, 7, and 8 will vote in the Eighteenth Essex District.

Voters should be aware that at the fall state elections they would be choosing one of two different state representatives depending on their designated precinct.

The state primary election will be held on Sept. 17 and the state election will be held on Nov. 5.

The town clerk would also like to remind voters that Precincts 1, 7 and 8 will vote at the Andover Senior Center for all fall elections this year and Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 will vote at the Andover High School Field House.

Voters who would like to verify their precinct or check to see who is on the ballot for the primary may check on the town's Web site at <www.town.andover.ma.us> under Election Primer and Precinct Search or call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8200.

Robert Reich to speak in Andover

One week before the Sept. 17 primary, residents of the Merrimack Valley can meet Democratic gubernatorial candidate Robert Reich. On Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 8 a.m. Reich will speak at an informational breakfast and fundraiser at the Andover Inn on the campus of Phillips Academy.

Supporters of Reich, former US Secretary of Labor in the Clinton Administration, say he will explain his views on issues such as economic growth during the era of globalization, health-care reform, support for public education from kindergarten through grade 14, corporate gov-

ernance reforms, and a plan for providing human services for seniors, low-income families and others in need — while maintaining a fiscally responsible budget.

Reich is a professor at Brandeis University and formerly taught at the Kennedy School of Government.

He has written numerous books addressing economic issues and the relationship between employers and workers.

For more information contact: Fred Stott at 978-475-2290, Debra Silberstein at 978-470-3634 or Lois Karfunkel at 978-475-7985.

HHP collection, computer recycling

Saturday, Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the fall collection of household hazardous products (HHP) at Andover's West Elementary School on Beacon Street. Saturday, Sept. 21 is Andover's collection day this year for computers and other electronics. The collection is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Middle School on Lowell Street.

Mercury-containing items will be accepted at both collections including regular and compact fluorescent light bulbs, thermostats, and mercury thermometers. Mercury thermometers can also be exchanged for digital thermometers at the water treatment plant near Haggett's Pond and at the health department in Town Offices, during business hours.

At the electronics collection, residents are welcome to bring computers and components, as well as other electronics from households such as VCRs, televisions, microwaves. However, workers will not accept appliances or business quantities.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has banned computer monitors and televisions

from the trash because of the high lead content in the cathode ray tube (CRT) glass. Andover has set up this collection program as a legal way to get rid of unwanted CRTs and other electronics, says the recycling committee. The electronics are taken to Stoughton to be dismantled. The CRT glass is recycled and the other components are recycled or sold.

The DEP also requires incinerators to help separately collect mercury-containing items to keep them out of the trash and out of the air emissions. The waste-to-energy facility in North Andover has a Mercury Separation Plan which will help pay for the recycling of these mercury products and will help provide the digital thermometers that are offered in exchange for mercury ones.

Tucker's office hours

State Sen. Sue Tucker announced today she will be holding her monthly office hours at the Andover Memorial Library on Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Residents are also invited to contact Sen. Tucker at her Statehouse office by calling 617-722-1612 or by emailing her at <STucker@senate.state.ma.us>.

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Wednesday, Aug. 28 - At 11:41 a.m., Seung Ki Lee, 47, of 319 Lowell St., was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense of driving with a suspended license. That person was also charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended

license.

At 3:43 p.m., Stephen Washburn, 19, of 164 East Bacon St., Plainville, was arrested and charged on a warrant for failing to pay fines for motor-vehicle violations.

Thursday, Aug. 29 - At 12:31 a.m., police arrested a 16-year-old Andover boy and charged him with disturbing the peace.

At 12:42 a.m., a 15-year-old male from Lawrence was arrested and charged on a warrant as a child in need of service.

At 1 a.m., Gilbert Lucret, 17, of 137 Oxford St. Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for violating his parole.

At 1 a.m., Ruben Aviles, 19, of 3 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged on a warrant for burning a vehicle to defraud an insurer.

At 10:08 p.m., Patricia Denoncourt, 23, of 119 North Main St., was arrested and charged with violating a domestic protective order and possessing a Class A substance.

Friday, Aug. 30 - At 7:42 a.m., Virgilio Mendoza Jr., 23, of 41 Berkeley St., Apt. 32, Lawrence, was arrested and

charged with failing to pay fines.

At 11:46 a.m., Mikhail Simkhovich, 28, of 1000 Loring Ave., Apt. C51, Salem, was arrested and charged with possessing child pornography. The warrant was out of a Salem court and had been ordered by the Salem Police Department, which had a complaint against him for possible possession.

At 12:51 p.m., Jamal Belknap, 28, of 278 Newbury St., Peabody, was arrested and charged on a warrant for motor-vehicle violations.

At 11:24 p.m., Michael Kelley, 48, of 13 Jordan Road, Billerica, was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense of possessing a Class D substance.

Sunday, Sept. 1 - At 8:18 p.m., Tait McCobb, of 1 Locke St., was arrested and charged with maliciously destroying property worth more than \$250 and doing malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 28 - At 10:42 a.m., an officer served a no-trespassing order to a male

prohibiting him from walking on the property of Memorial Hall Library.

At 6:33 p.m., a female reported the unattended death of her grandmother.

At 9:35 p.m., an officer asked kids who were gathered at the Park to move along.

At 11:20 p.m., a male called the station and said he was suicidal. He was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

At 11:16 p.m., a River Road caller reported a missing wallet.

At 10:46 p.m., a North Street resident reported receiving phone threats.

Saturday, Aug. 31 - At 1:13 p.m., a Kenilworth Street resident reported a power outage and that a tree was leaning on a wire and smoking. MassElectric removed the wires from the tree and was to fix the problem.

At 5:45 p.m., a male reported a domestic problem between his ex-wife's boyfriend and his son.

Monday, Sept. 2 - At 12:01 p.m., an officer was to file on an incident of indecent assault and battery that took place on Harold Parker Road.

At 10:26 p.m., a female reported that her husband had

violated a restraining order that she had taken out against him.

BREAKS

No breaks were reported this week.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Aug. 28 - At 2:33 p.m., a Dufton Road male reported a theft from his home.

Thursday, Aug. 29 - At 7:50 p.m., a Morton Street male reported credit-card fraud.

Friday, Aug. 30 - At 12:55 p.m., a Main Street business reported a shoplifter.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 28 - At 10:40 a.m., a male reported that a vehicle had almost struck him on Phillips Street while he was pushing his baby in a stroller. An officer was to file on the incident.

Thursday, Aug. 29 - At 6:25 a.m., a Frye Circle resident reported that her Honda Civic had been stolen.

At 8:13 a.m., a Connector Road resident complained about a road-rage incident.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Aug. 29 - At 10:36 a.m., two cars were towed from an accident on Federal

Street. An ambulance treated the injured parties.

At 3:40 p.m., one vehicle was towed from an accident on York Street. No one was injured.

At 4:03 p.m., an ambulance was to respond to an accident on North Main Street to treat an injured party.

Friday, Aug. 30 - At 9:47 a.m., an ambulance responded to an accident on Andover Street to treat the injured party. One vehicle was towed and MassElectric was notified to fix a pole that was cracked in half.

At 12:44 p.m., one vehicle was towed from an accident on Elm Street.

At 5:02 p.m., one vehicle was towed from an accident on Lowell Street.

Saturday, Aug. 31 - At 2:09 p.m., an ambulance transported patients to the hospital after an accident occurred on Federal Street.

Monday, Sept. 2 - At 5:35 p.m., an ambulance responded to an accident on Dascomb Road to treat a 7-year-old boy who had bumped his head.

At 6:23 p.m., an ambulance responded to an Elm Street accident for a patient complaining of neck and back pain.

VANDALISM

Three incidents of vandalism were reported this week.

Touring the new schools

■ WOOD HILL

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weeks, but they won't forget that the schools they are attending are new. The new wood smell and the new floor smell and the new carpet smells combine to make a sensory impression.

That construction detail work is still necessary is evident around the school. A missing pane of glass, a hole in a door where a lock should be, and paint splatters were small imperfections left to be corrected by workers who rushed to complete of the schools.

Students won't be checking books out of the media center this week unless mad scrambling gets books into the centers and onto the shelves. Some teachers will also hustle in the coming days to move books, supplies and personal effects into their empty classrooms.

There was an air of excitement

from parents and students. Shouts and squeals could be heard from friends realizing they would attend the same school.

Student guide and eighth-grader John Brady stood at the top of Wood Hill's stairway handing out maps and directing parents and students to their desired location. John got a tour of the school before the open house. "I love this school," he said.

Fellow eighth-grader and guide Chris Adams agreed with Brady when they were asked what their favorite part of their new school was: the gym. "We think it's the basketball court," said John.

"The sinks are really cool," said seventh-grader Rebecca Ginsburg. Classmates Laura Lewis and Andrea Davis agreed showing off the rounded granite-looking sinks in the girls bath-

room. The boys bathrooms had these0 sinks too.

Asked what she liked most about the schools, Wood Hill Principal Norah McCarthy said, "It's so spacious, how they drew in the natural light."

Certainly, the new school classrooms are big and bright.

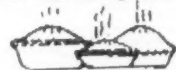
Superintendent Claudia Bach said she chose the architects because of their use of natural lighting. She said that physical classroom-size standards change over the years.

McCarthy said that the science labs were another favorite for her. "You're treating them (students) like real scientists," she said.

"I am astounded at what (Building Committee Chairman) Mark Johnson was able to force Callahan to do. It's nice to be able to celebrate," said School Committee member Christopher Smith.

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Merrimack to observe anniversary of Sept. 11

A lone bagpiper will wind its way through the Merrimack College campus on the morning of September 11 to mark the time that the planes hit the twin towers one year ago. It will begin a day-long program, "Blood, Sweat and Tears: Time for Remembrance," that will recognize the events of that tragic day. Area residents are welcomed to attend with members of the college community to reflect on the terrorist attacks against America.

The observance includes:
• 8:45 to 9:05 a.m.: A lone bag piper, who will wind its way through campus, the time that the planes struck the World Trade Center towers.

• Noon: An interfaith service will be held at the Rogers Center for the Arts.

• 7:30 p.m.: A candlelight vigil will be held on the patio of the campus center. Class officers and Student Government Association leaders will help officiate.

• 8:15 p.m.: An informal panel discussion entitled "Perspectives: One Year Later" will take place at campus center patio following

the vigil. It will be moderated by English Professor Deborah Burns and panelists will include professors from political science, religious studies, history and psychology. Focus will be primarily on questions and interaction from the audience. A spoken-word coffeehouse with open mike, which could include poems, readings, music, etc., will end the day's program.

• Noon to 12:10 p.m. daily: A novena prayer will be held daily from Sept. 3 to 11 in the Marian E. Taylor Chapel of the Sakowich Center.

• The McQuade Library will have a display entitled "Lessons Learned from 9/11."

North Andover tribute

In honor of fellow Americans who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, the Stevens Memorial Library of North Andover presents A Patriotic Tribute to America with elocutionist Doty Kelleher Vartabedian on Sunday, Sept. 8, at 3 p.m. in the library rotunda. For information, call 978-688-9505.

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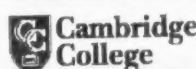
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ONE YEAR LATER: REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11

9/11 in the schools

By Ben Hellman

A year after September 11, Andover schools will each handle the day in their own way. Each of the schools that responded this week with their plans for September 11 indicated that teachers and counselors would be prepared to help individual students who needed someone to talk to. But while some schools have chosen to stage a patriotic or civic event, others have chosen not to have any event or observance.

West Middle School has taken the civic route. A judge is scheduled to speak to students about the Preamble of the Constitution. Bagpipes will lead the students into assembly. Another expert will speak to the students about the American flag.

Doherty Middle School Principal Floyd McManus spoke to the *Townsmen* before he met with his staff this week, but said that a moment of silence accompanied by a student reading something he or she wrote regarding September 11 would be what he'd like to have happen.

Most of the elementary schools will take a minimalist approach. Principal Stephen Jankauskas said the best approach is "for young children, to keep their life as normal as possible." Sanborn School will begin the day with the usual Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. "Beyond that it will be a typical day - another day at Sanborn," said Jankauskas.

Bancroft Principal Scott Morrison and West Elementary Principal Charlie Friel

emphasized the importance of keeping to the routine. West El will have no formal observance, but teachers will respond to students who want to talk about it. "We're going to let the children take the lead," said Friel.

"We want to honor the day without reliving it," said Morrison, who wanted to keep business as usual. "There's comfort in routine."

High Plain Elementary is doing something different. Brenda O'Brien planned a small ceremony around the new school's flag pole. The flag will be supplied by kindergarten teacher Marriann Merritt, whose brother Chris Morrison was lost in the World Trade Center. A firefighter may speak at the event as well.

"We're keeping it simple," said Wood Hill Principal Norah McCarthy. McCarthy hasn't decided whether to collaborate with High Plain in celebrating the day. She said if it seemed too unwieldy she could use the building's other flag pole.

"There's no user manual for this," said Morrison regarding means of dealing with the tragedy. Last year, most of the elementary schools chose not to tell students that any tragedy occurred on September 11, but left it to the parents to decide how to share the news.

Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson said his school would take "a low-key approach" in dealing with the day. Students will observe a moment of silence in the morning, but no school-wide event is planned.

Residents remember family, friends

■ ANDOVER'S LOST

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from California, and Richard and his wife Carol from Methuen. Naiman also had two sisters from Florida, Marie Michaud and Theresa Ouellette.

"I've missed her as one of my best friends," says Scaford. She won't be attending any September 11 memorial services due to illness. However, when next Wednesday arrives, she will think of Milly. "She was simply a marvelous person," Scaford said.

Betty Ong

Betty Ong, 45, a former Main Street resident, was a flight attendant for American Airlines. She was among the selected heroes of the tragedy honored by Acting Gov. Jane Swift last February for their bravery. When terrorists took over her plane, Ong used her cell phone and called the airline reservations center and relayed information about the five hijackers. Swift gave the families of the crew members a bronze-colored medallion to honor the flight attendants.

Ong had lived in her Main Street apartment for less than one year with her fiancée, Robert Landrum, a Navy veteran and owner of Karate for Kids in North Andover. He told the *Eagle-Tribune* back in February that, following September 11, he had flown to his home state of California to visit Ong's parents, brother and two sisters.

Lenny Taylor

Andover's hockey buffs will be thinking of an easy-going, red-haired captain. Leonard "Lenny" Taylor was 44, married and the father of two young girls. A hockey player who captained Andover High's 1975 hockey team, he lived in Reston, Va.

and boarded American Flight 77 that morning. His plane slammed into the Pentagon.

* Taylor grew up in Andover, attended St. Augustine School and also graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a physics degree. He worked as a technical manager for Xon-Tech Inc. in Washington, D.C. In addition to his wife and daughters, he left behind several siblings and his parents, Mary Taylor, formerly of Andover, and Dr. Raymond L. Taylor of Swampscott.

Christopher Morrison

Christopher Morrison, 34, another Andover native, was attending a conference on the 107th floor of the north tower of the World Trade Center, when he e-mailed his mother, Maureen Morrison of Andover, to tell her he was OK. That was just after 9 a.m. It would be the last time his mother heard from him. Married just two years to his wife, Kim, Chris Morrison was a graduate of Central Catholic High School where he excelled in track. He went on to St. Lawrence University where he captained the track team while double-majoring in economics and American literature. He was a senior vice president and director of business initiatives for Zurich Scudder Investments Inc. at the time of his death. In addition to his mother, he left his father, Joe Morrison and his sisters, Marianne Merritt and Kara Morrison, both of Andover. The Morrisons have lived in town for almost 40 years.

Trudi Alagero

For Joe Magner, the man who wrote one of many letters to the *Townsmen* last year, the mourning is for Trudi Alagero, the kid sister of his best friend, Charlie Alagero of William Street, Andover.

The 37-year-old woman was at her office on the 94th floor of the World Trade



Leonard Taylor

Center's north tower when the plane hit. She was senior vice president and practice leader for Marsh Private Client Services.

She had been in Andover just three days before the terrorist attack, enjoying a birthday celebration with her big brother and his family, wife Marianne and their two kids. Her upcoming marriage was another reason to celebrate. She would have been married to Peter Walther of New York City in January 2002.

"That day will always be with us," Magner said this week while reflecting on the upcoming one year anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

Like many folks around Andover, he's praying for the devastated families left behind.

"It's different for me. I'm a friend, not a family member who lost someone..."

"I look for the little things to bring her back, like during the Super Bowl half-time show when all those names appeared (behind the band U2 as it performed). Alagero starts with an A so we saw Trudi's name quickly. It's those little things that I've looked for," he said.

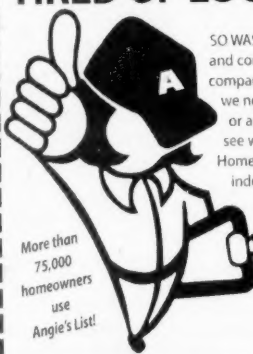
Another one of those "little things" this year was Congressman Marty Meehan's fundraising concert. Held last December, it brought together scores of Merrimack Valley families who lost loved ones on September 11. It was a sight not easily forgotten for many local residents, including Magner.

"...to see all those kids left behind," Magner said without finishing his thought but while making his point.

Other victims

Those who work in Andover also lost coworkers and friends. Peter Gay was a former vice president of Raytheon's Andover plant. The Tewksbury resident was a passenger on a hijacked plane. Kenneth Waldie of Methuen was an engineer at Raytheon's Andover plant. He, too, was a plane passenger. Dom DiTullio, a Smith & Nephew Dyonics employee, boarded Flight 11 to begin his vacation in Palm Springs, Calif.

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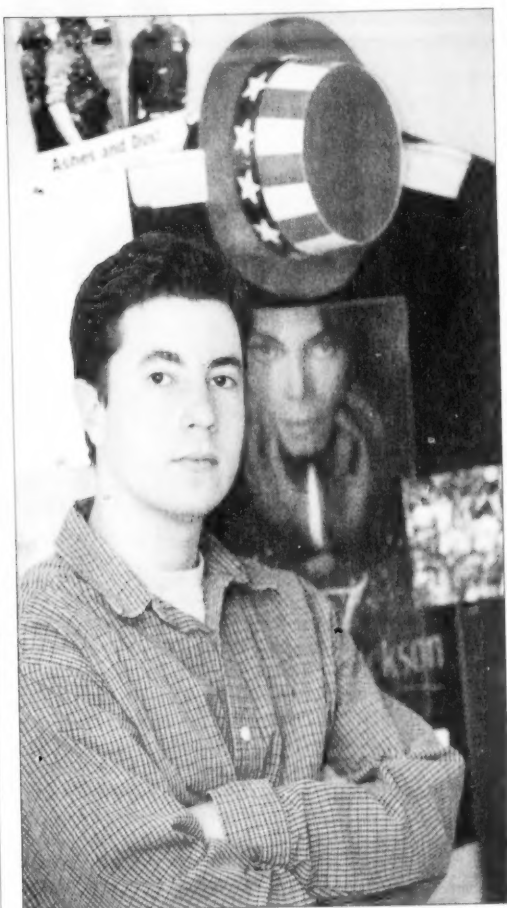
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ANDOVER TEEN



On Sept. 10, 2001, Michael DaSilva went to New York for a concert he described as "a dream come true."

Stayed alone in NYC for first time Sept. 10

'Everything has proper perspective'

By Neil Fater

Michael DaSilva expected September 11 to be the day after the most memorable event of his life. Now he realizes how quickly perspectives can change.

DaSilva, an 18-year-old Andover resident who had just started college, stayed overnight in New York City for the first time Sept. 10 because he went to pop star Michael Jackson's 30th anniversary concert that night. He calls it a dream come true.

DaSilva had attended Jackson's similar concert on Sept. 7, but decided he had to see it again Sept. 10, despite the advice of his mother. DaSilva was such a fan he spent hundreds on his ticket and attended the concert alone.

"I was in awe because I'd never been to Times Square," he says. "(Actor) David Hasselhoff sat right in front of me. Webster walked by, and Macaulay Culkin."

After the Sept. 10 concert, he went to his hotel room and fell asleep with the TV on. In the morning, calls from his mother awakened him to the horrific pictures of the World Trade Center in flames.

DaSilva grabbed a cab, but wasn't able to get far.

"The driver said, 'Do you believe this?' The big, jumbo screen in Times Square was showing the World Trade

Center burning. It was like in *Godzilla*, where everyone was looking," says DaSilva.

It took him until 5:30 p.m. to find a train out of the city. A suburban kid, DaSilva spent the day talking with people in the streets, or gathered around radios.

At one point, he entered a bar. "Everyone was drinking, smoking, nervous - and that made me more nervous," he says. "I really thought it was the end of the world."

Since that day, DaSilva has written dozens of pages about September 11.

"I think about it almost every day," he says. "I heard one person on TV say sometimes it feels like it never happened and other times it feels like it just happened yesterday. I thought that was a poignant comment."

Pop culture has lost some of its pop for him.

"I still have a love for these things, but everything has its proper perspective. My family's more important, and safety's more important," he says. "It was the best day of my life followed by the worst day of my life. After September 11, it seemed that everything that was important to me - music, entertainment, sports - was trivial. Not to be corny, but I don't take anything for granted. I really thought I was going to die that day. I just wanted to get back and see my family."

Firefighters to gather with students

The Andover Fire Department will gather with students at West Middle School for a ceremony next Wednesday from 9:45 to 10:10 a.m.

Because of the safety-center construction project, firefighters looked for a place to hold a ceremony honoring those lost on September 11.

"We don't have a Central Fire Station," says Fire Chief Chuck Murnane, "and we wanted to involve the students. The public is certainly invited."

The service is part of a statewide program that will involve the playing of *Amazing Grace*.

Town ceremony

September 11, Collins Center, 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 11 the town of Andover will hold a memorial ceremony for the victims of the horrendous events of last September 11. The ceremony will be open to the public and take place at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center at Andover High School and is expected to last about one hour.

The town will celebrate the lives of Chris Morrison, Mildred Naiman, Betty Ong and Lenny Taylor of Andover and the thousands of others who perished on September 11, according to John Doherty, veterans agent. There are no tickets and no reserved seats, and all residents are invited.

Muslim confronts issue

When he attended last year's vigil in Andover in memory of victims of Sept. 11, Magid Mazen of Andover "was as confused as the next guy."

Only he is Muslim and, therefore, was flooded with questions from local residents who wanted to know why the Muslim terrorists struck.

Mazen, a management professor at Suffolk University, has spent the past year answering questions, and talking about his religion. He's written articles, and hosted a talk at Memorial Hall Library entitled "Healing to Understanding" and discussions at Phillips Academy. He appeared on Boston television shows, along with Egyptian television. It was his way of "making the best and confronting the calamity." He paraphrases a favorite quote from a nun in England when talking about September 11 saying, "...these fundamentalists, extremists who

are of all religions, siphon compassion out of religion. What gets left in their understanding is a scratchy surface of religion."

Next Wednesday, Mazen will have "personal reflection to the depths of my moral core," he said, beginning at 8:50 a.m. "September 11 in my view was not only a horrible thing, but also a mirror in front of which we all stood ... I will personally take some time for individual reflection." He plans to reflect with his family, wife Shelley, and his two children - Adeem, who attends Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Yasmeen, 7.

"I think it's important, to make sure youngsters understand the good and bads of life and the message of peace that Muslim promotes, unlike what the horrible event symbolizes. Regardless of who did it, it is bad, and it was the same story at Oklahoma."

— Judy Wakefield

Houses of worship

What some congregations are doing on September 11

New England Bible Church, 60 Chandler Road, will offer a service of patriotic hymns and a time of prayer at 7 p.m.

St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., will hold a Healing Mass at 7:30 p.m. with Father Albert McPherson presiding.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 198 Haggets Pond Road, will hold a "Mass of remembrance and healing as we pray for peace in our world and in our hearts," at 7 p.m. Father Richard Conway will preside and the church says it invites anyone touched by the tragedy.

Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., will offer a service of scripture prayer and song from noon to 1 p.m. Rev. Jack L. Daniel and Eric Lindahl will preside.

Christ Church, 25 Central St., will offer the Holy Eucharist at noon. They will be open for prayer from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ballardvale United Church, 23 Clark Road, will offer a silent prayer vigil in the sanctuary from 6 to 10:45 a.m.

Chabad Lubavitch of Merrimack Valley, 310 North Main St., will observe September 11 during their Rosh Hashanah services on Sept. 7 and 8 at 9:30 a.m.

West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, will offer a service of remembrance and hope, at 7:30 p.m., presided over by Rev. Elizabeth King.

South Church, 41 Central St., will offer a service of remembrance from noon to 12:30 p.m. The sanctuary will be open all afternoon for remembrance and prayer.

Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, 71 Chandler Road, will open its doors from noon to 1 p.m. for meditation. On Sunday, Sept. 15 at the 10 a.m. service, the homily will be about September 11, and at 11:30 a.m. the congregation will sing patriotic songs.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., will offer a special evening vesper service, "A meditation on peace," at 7 p.m., presided over by interim minister Deborah Mero.

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Non-Muslim Sikhs try to talk with people

Like many Muslims, family sees time as an opportunity to explain religion

By Rebecca Piro

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Mandy Chawla asked her Sikh son if he wanted to cut the long, dark hair he wraps in a turban everyday. Jaideep Chawla said no.

"This is who I am," he says, simply.

It's that commitment to his religion and the determination to teach others about it that has helped this Sikh family stay strong through the past 12 months. After Sept. 11 some people began abusing Sikhs, believing they were Arab because of their skin color and turbans.

Jaideep Chawla decided that running away from his heritage and religion wasn't the answer. "I feel I'm just as American as anyone else, and anyone who doubts that, I'd let them know," he says.

The Chawlas spoke with the *Townsmen* last year following the attacks, hoping to educate

people about their religion, explain how Sikhism is different than Islam, and discourage stereotyping.

Sikhism, the world's fifth-largest religion, was established in the 16th century with both Muslim and Hindu foundations. It is monotheistic, and preaches equality between individuals of different race, religion and sex - a belief that Jaideep Chawla takes very seriously.

When someone makes a rude remark because of his beard, his turban or the steel bracelet on his right wrist, Jaideep Chawla turns the attack into an opportunity.

"I try to tell them, 'Why would you say something like that?' By turning around and speaking to that person, anything can be resolved," he says.

But it wasn't always that easy. In the weeks immediately following Sept. 11, the family stayed behind closed doors. They heard about a Sikh in Ari-



Dr. Mandy Chawla says residents and patients have been supportive of her and her family.

zona who was murdered because of his appearance. Some people hurled insults at them. They were afraid.

"We didn't know what to

expect," says Mandy Chawla.

But since they made the effort to extend themselves, they say the response has been far more positive than negative. Townspeople have written the family letters of support. Neighbors have expressed kindness in person. Patients of Mandy and Surendra Chawla, both physicians, have asked how they're doing and if they can help. Not a single patient has changed doctors.

The family says it has also noticed improvements in the way the government is trying to be alert and sensitive at the same time. In the many airplane trips the Chawlas have taken since Sept. 11, it's no longer automatic that everyone who looks Middle Eastern is pulled out of line at security checkpoints.

"Lots of times on flights, we were not pulled out (of line), but other people were," says Mandy Chawla. "People are getting more accepting."

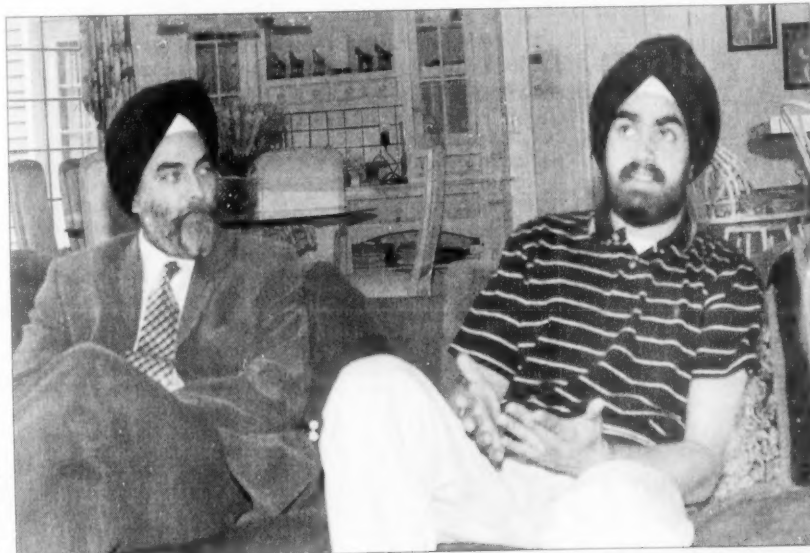
"At first the government was going after people because of looks," adds Surendra Chawla. "The physical appearance of a person should not prompt them to pull someone off a highway or anywhere."

The comments and stares have dwindled in the months since Sept. 11 to almost nil. "You might get a few glances or someone might say something," says Jaideep Chawla.

But being one of the only Sikh families in town is also an opportunity, his mother reasons. They can go to their favorite restaurant, Grassfields, and have everyone recognize them.

"We're the only ones wearing turbans," she says. "It's an advantage."

"Before Sept. 11, people were just saying, 'What's that thing on his head?'" adds Jaideep Chawla. "Now, it's an opportunity to go out and talk to people."



Surendra and Jaideep Chawla say they try to talk with people who make comments about their turbans. They wear the turbans because they are Sikhs, who believe in equality of all people.

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SEPTEMBER 11: HOW HAVE WE CHANGED?

Public safety

Altered world for police, fire department officials

By Rebecca Piro

The post-September 11 world is a more alert one.

So say Andover's public safety officials, who have spent the past year keeping their eyes and ears open for suspicious people, unmarked boxes and possible threats. While they agree Andover is not a likely target for a future terrorist attack, the police and fire departments aren't about to be caught off guard.

When a Portsmouth, N.H. woman thought she overheard a couple at breakfast plotting an attack on gas stations, she reported it to the local police. That department called in FBI investigators, who drove to Andover when the couple's license plate revealed they were residents.

It turned out to be an inno-

cent conversation and a false threat, says Police Chief Brian Pattullo. But he's glad that residents are taking it upon themselves to report incidents and communicate with police.

"So it does work," he says. "It starts with the people on the street. It's being aware of what's going on in your surroundings and reporting that."

Immediately following September 11, panicky residents were reporting everything from people with Middle-Eastern backgrounds in the library to laundry detergent that looked like anthrax. It became a bit much when a caller reported a suspicious-looking package of powdered donuts.

"That has diminished a bit," says Pattullo, recalling the more serious threats as well, such as bomb scares stemming from

unmarked packages. "But I would say people still are paying more attention to packages and things being sent to them in the mail. I think that's a good thing, coming up on our one-year anniversary – that we don't let our guard down. That's what these terrorists wait for – complacency."

If an event were to happen in Andover, Pattullo says the fire and police departments are well prepared. Andover is part of an emergency-response plan called SATURN, the Statewide Anti-Terrorism Unified Response Network.

SATURN keeps Andover alert by e-mailing daily anti-terrorism advisories.

The departments have also purchased protective gear like gas masks and body suits for protection against anthrax or other chemical and biological hazards. Police and fire employees have had some anti-terrorism training classes through the SATURN program. They have "some weaponry" that Pattullo will not go into detail about.

"It's a dangerous job," he says. "I'm sure there's some heightened anxiety. I don't think anyone signed onto this job to deal with anthrax and poisonous materials. These people want to serve, but they want to go home to their families at the end of the day, too."

Eight police officers are members of the US military. None of them have been called to serve in the war against terrorism.

"We don't know what's on the horizon," says Pattullo.

"We like to think we do, but things can change in a moment ... as we found out September 11."



Though some scares, including the anthrax issue, seem to have diminished since last September, Andover public safety officials have new programs and equipment to handle potential problems.

Airline safety

Logan works to screen all baggage

By Rebecca Piro

Demolition to clear the way for a new \$400 million terminal sited for Logan Airport is beginning at perhaps a less-than-ideal time. As the anniversary of September 11 approaches, it may be unsettling for airplane passengers flying into Boston to see what's there now – rubble.

"I've been watching Terminal A be torn down," says Michael Miller, an Andover resident and a lawyer for Massport, the organization that oversees the airport. "What if someone's landing and (they) think someone blew up this building?"

It's hard not to think those kinds of thoughts, says Miller. Logan is where the hijacked planes that crashed into the World Trade Center originated.

"It's everywhere," he says. "It's just so incredible of an event that it's hard not to think of." Massport has been spending lots of time thinking about it lately, putting together a list of services and memorials that will

take place Wednesday, Sept. 11. The day will begin with a "ground hold," when no planes will take off or land at Logan for 60 seconds, starting at 8:46 a.m. – the time when the first plane hit the World Trade Center one year ago. Services will be held in the airport's chapel in honor of the victims, and the names of all the victims who perished on the Logan flights will be read aloud. Counselors will be available for employees. Flags will be flown at half mast.

But the majority of the past year has been focused on making sure that the attacks of September 11 never happen again. Logan is working hard to meet the US Congress' Dec. 31 deadline to have a system in place to screen all baggage.

"We have contractors working seven days a week to get everything in place by the end of the year," says Miller. "We're determined to meet that deadline."

Logan, which processes about 5,000 pieces of luggage in

a peak hour, is spending \$1 million per screening machine – several of which are in every terminal. It's spending \$140 million to expand the terminals themselves, so they can hold the large, heavy equipment.

"We're spending this money hoping to get reimbursed by the federal government, but so far there's nothing that's guaranteed," Miller says.

After September 11, Logan started testing new technology like facial recognition and identification-card scanners, designed to stop suspicious people from boarding planes. "It's almost like fingerprinting," Miller says.

Airlines are predicting a slow travel day on September 11. But in general, plane travel has picked up quite a bit since the tragedy one year ago.

"It's still not the way it used to be, but it's a lot more crowded in the airport than it was six months after September 11," he says.



Marianne Merritt talks about her brother Chris Morrison, who was on one of the top floors of the World Trade Center when the terrorists attacked it.

A MAN WITH A 'TWINKLE'
Sister remembers one of those we lost

By Rebecca Piro

September brings a new school and a new school year for Marianne Merritt, a kindergarten teacher at High Plain Elementary. But it also is bringing back old nightmares.

Chris Morrison, Merritt's brother, died Sept. 11 when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center towers. Since then, Merritt has been reliving what she can only imagine were his last moments.

"It's been September of 2001 for a year," she says. "You revisit that all the time."

Morrison grew up in Andover and attended Central Catholic High School. At age 34 he was living in Charlestown with his wife of two years, Kim, a senior vice-president at Fleet-Boston. He was senior vice-president and director of business initiatives for Zurich Scudder Investments Inc., a global investment firm. On Sept. 11 he was attending a conference on the 107th floor of the north tower of the World Trade Center. "It's just hard to think about," says Merritt, swallowing hard. "Knowing that they suffered."

Morrison's remains have yet to be found. His parents, Maureen and Joe Morrison, decided last October to have a memorial service for him when it was clear there were no more survivors to be found.

Morrison's parents still find it too hard to talk about. Merritt has spent the last year being the spokesperson for the media and a buffer for her parents, trying to protect them from the shock of seeing or hearing new information secondhand.

"I would warn my parents, there's (new informa-

tion) out there. It's bad. Do you want to hear it?" she says.

In some ways, Merritt is looking forward to the anniversary of Sept. 11 – just because the sooner it gets here, the sooner it's over.

"Everyone is remembering the event, so you can't get past it to the good memories of the person (who died)," she says. "Every time you think of him, you think of that."

Mark Merritt, her husband, understands. "As the nation goes through this difficult remembering of a national event, it makes it hard for the families to move on."

It's a fine line between remembering Morrison's life and moving on from the trauma that caused his death. But the family is trying. Their daughter Elizabeth, a fifth-grader at High Plain Elementary, is keeping alive one of Chris Morrison's



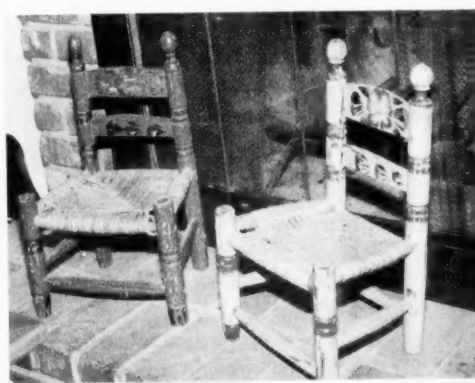
Chris Morrison, during a trip to Ireland

favorite Christmas traditions – wrapping-paper fights. The Merritts will travel to New York for a ceremony on Sept. 11, bringing with them a photo of Morrison that will become part of a permanent memorial yet to be finalized.

In Andover on Sept. 11, Morrison's own American flag – the one that flew at the Capitol in Washington, DC in his memory – will fly at High Plain Elementary School.

Merritt volunteered to lend it to the new school when its principal realized that she was lacking a flag for the day's ceremony. Merritt was happy to help, and, at the same time, have another way to remember her brother.

"He was the kind of person you want to be with," she says. "He always had this twinkle going on."



Chris Morrison and his sister Marianne Merritt sat in these small chairs as toddlers. The chairs now sit in front of Merritt's fireplace.

One year later: How local residents, workers see September 11 affecting...

Travel

Tom Keefe, owner of Addison Travel, claims he has not seen a significant dropoff in travel as a result of September 11. He says people are still taking vacations, though more vacationers may be choosing to stay in New England. He attributes any change in personal and

vacation travel more to the country's economic downturn, rather than fear of air travel. "People still want to go on vacation, but they may not have the money to do it – or they may not (be able to take) the time off from work," he says. "From June to September of (2001) things were already sliding."

Patriotism, voting

While people are displaying far more flags today, as a display of patriotism, than they were before September 11, more people have not registered to vote. "There's really been no change in it as a result of September 11," said Meredith Barlow, assistant town clerk.

Financial planning

Kathy Sachs, a financial planner and candidate for Andover's new 18th Essex District, says people are planning for their families. "I saw a huge impact from my clients in terms of getting around to things they always meant to do, like writing a will," she says. "Ninety per-

cent of people who died in the World Trade Center didn't have a will."

Religion

Immediately following the events of September 11, more people returned to their houses of worship – or new ones – to gather with others and pray.

According to religious leaders, at several congregations at least some of these people have remained, or attend more regularly.

Many congregations are planning special services for Wednesday, September 11 (see list, left hand page).

– Neil Fater

Your Dental Health

by Richard D. Hopgood, D.M.D., F.A.G.D.

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Opinion

Grading the manager needs a spotlight

AS THE ONLY BOSSES OF Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, the selectmen owe it to the town to give the manager a thorough, open and annual evaluation of his work.

In some recent years they inexcusably shirked their responsibility. In other years, they issued only a wishy-washy joint evaluation to the public. Selectman Mary Lyman promises that this year's board will not offer such a, in her words, "marshmallow-y" evaluation. "I consider (the evaluation) one of the most important jobs that I have on the board," she says. She's right.

That's why the public deserves to know what each individual selectmen thinks of the way the town is being run, so that voters can decide who to reelect. Selectmen can save the argument about needing to keep individual discussions secret because they are part of the manager's personnel file. If selectmen can't publicly discuss the job the town's CEO is doing, what can they debate? In the end, a commentary on how well the manager is doing is really a comment on the state of the town itself. If Andover is scuffling, then the manager needs to take action – and selectmen need to put him, and the town, on notice.

Stapczynski himself should welcome such an opportunity. Clearly he is well thought of by the selectmen – he's been the No. 1 guy in town for longer than any previous town manager. He is a very competent day-to-day manager. Town department heads work together in tough times to fund the most important projects. The town would not have an Aaa bond rating and be able to borrow for so many large construction projects at once if the town manager were not doing several things right fiscally.

But there are areas where Stapczynski should receive poor marks – starting with the management of the large construction projects. These areas are:

OVERSIGHT OF MAJOR PROJECTS

Despite promises to learn from the mistakes of the Andover High School project, this continues to be a mixed bag. The new schools will open today in time for the first day of school, but they are not yet finished. Contractors will continue working around students' schedules. For a school built on virgin land that was supposed to be done before school ended last year, this is not great news, even when taking into account problems with the state system. While the sewer projects seem to be progressing well, the safety-center project is now nearly a year behind schedule. That bad news could get worse as workers tear down the current fire station and begin building on that site.

NEGOTIATING

Negotiations are another area where the grade is at best a "needs improvement." The firefighters, emergency dispatchers and town department heads are all working under contracts that expired in July 2001. Because negotiations are kept secret, residents do not know the reasons these negotiations have not been resolved. Clearly, the town should not cave to unreasonable demands by unions. But the town should be fair to its employees and resolve its contracts closer to their expiration.

LEADERSHIP

The town side must do a better job in working with the schools on establishing spending priorities to avoid last-minute budget decisions and the need for overrides.

Another problem: Andover has more task forces than some towns have tasks. Selectmen need to make more tough decisions themselves. But when the selectmen are hesitant to be leaders due to a lack of experience, knowledge or fortitude, it is up to the town manager to grab the wheel. Too much is delegated, delayed and discussed by multiple committees, leading to inaction.

RENEWED SPIRIT



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Clark Road has an Uncle Sam, reflecting the patriotic spirit Andoverites and Americans have felt and displayed since the terrorist attacks last September 11.

LETTERS ON 17TH ESSEX RACE

State 'deserves' officials like Finegold

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Over the years, Massachusetts people have repeatedly watched our elected officials kowtow to the wishes of Beacon Hill insiders, who are more concerned about themselves more than they are serving their constituents.

I am pleased to write about our very own state representative, Barry Finegold, who has maintained his integrity and independence by standing up for real people by standing up and speaking out against the leadership in our state's House of Representatives.

Since he is my state representative, I have watched Rep. Finegold's actions closely, and I am pleased that he is one of only 13 Democratic legislators who openly supported term limits on the House Speaker. He defended clean elections, while also working on important social issues such as providing safe havens for newborns. On a local level, Finegold has rightfully earned a solid reputation for providing impressive constituent service, including his work to help us preserve our historic downtown.

Massachusetts deserves more elected officials like Barry Finegold at the Statehouse. He has served us well, with integrity, independence and most importantly, with sincerity. We are fortunate that he is truly our state representative.

Mary O'Leary
127 Greenwood Road

Candidate: Why I'm challenging an incumbent

Editor, *Townsmen*:

It is time for the Massachusetts legislature to again be the national leader – in education, health care, environmental and resource protection, business climate, labor, transportation, and support for those in need.

I am a candidate for a legislature in search of a mission; the world has changed, state and local government need to do more than react to daily events. The current members react with scant long view, at least as publicly reported. They can't bring a budget in on time. Other than seemingly hiding behind an opinionated martinet and engaging in endless quarrels over how much to cut taxes, the state House seems unable to plan for any of the above needs. And they have largely abdicated from the bully pulpit necessary to produce public support for policies and practices critical to sustaining a high quality of life for all. The time for leading from the back of the crowd is long past.

The other day, I stopped my car to pick up a bag of broken beer bottles (it turned out) that lay for several days at the side of an otherwise long, clean stretch of road. I began to think about the many-faceted rewards of citizenship – especially relevant to our current heightened sense of patriotism. If our streets are not clean, we begin to feel dirty and live a bit less carefully. If our hands are not clean we can sicken, or we can merit no respect from our peers or from other nations.

As an individual: the Red

Cross gets my blood 15 times a year – five times whole blood and 10 times platelets and plasma – because there is no substitute and because I can and because the need is ever present and desperate. I give my time to the Department of Social Services as a community foster care reviewer (about 70 meetings a year), providing public oversight and a public window to some of our most desperate families. When the YMCA tired of my badgering, they installed low-water showerheads in the locker rooms and then I provided posters asking that the shower water be turned off while soaping. Water shortages are a regular event in our communities and throughout the world. Our fresh water is running out and large fields of non-native grasses called lawns are still our largest agricultural crop – we needn't ban lawns, but surely we can promote less labor-intensive, resource- and chemical-dependent, aesthetically-pleasing alternatives.

As a citizen, I have professional and/or volunteer ground-floor experience in all the arenas listed in the first paragraph. As a former editor for *The New York Times* and more recently of a number of corporate and non-profit newsletters, I also follow current advances and thinking. The knowledge and will exists and awaits vigorous champions.

These are the jobs for government. The public health, safety and defense in today's world require a public sector that does much more than sim-

ply maintain armies and police forces – which themselves not so long ago were privately maintained by self-proclaimed royalty (elites genetically no different from the rest of us) and more recently in the developing world by greedy power-hungry despotic bullies (also strangely ascendant of late in US corporations). Clean air, clean water, clean earth, food for tomorrow in today's world need a level playing field for the participants – a "well-regulated militia" in a 21st Century larger sense that prevents the excesses and short views that a generation ago gave us: rivers that burst into flame and today from time to time kill thousands of fish; thousands of poisoned industrial sites and dumping grounds; unfettered marketing of a commercial product that condemns thousands of people a year to a painful death from a, to date, incurable disease.

Without being soft on crime, it is possible to be soft on taxpayers and rethink the criminal processing system. Does it make sense to build ever more prisons and spend more per year to incarcerate ever-growing numbers of our youth at an annual cost that is often greater than that of a year of college – that also includes bed and board.

My father just passed away in a nursing home following a long struggle with Parkinson Disease and Medicare – my 79-year-old mother's other full time job was doing endless and

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THE THURSDAY FILE

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JOSIE BISSET

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ENGLISH PROVERB

We are confronted with insurmountable opportunities.

WALT KELLY

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KABULI GIBRAN

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ROMAIN ROLAND

There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning.

LOUIS L'AMOUR

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Best quotation sent:

Change is inevitable; growth is intentional.

YOUR VIEWS

Reasons to run for challenger Frishman

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mostly fruitless battle with a health-care system that is the leading cause of personal bankruptcy in the United States. We are the only nation in the developed world where that happens.

Constituent services are a vital part of the elected representative's agenda, but the real work

is negotiating a safe and productive future fairly for all. I am not a lawyer and I have no interest in living by the loophole. I am a mediator - I work with people and groups to produce the best results for all involved. I look forward to being strong a voice insuring a "more perfect union, for ourselves and our posterity."

Michael A. Frishman
230 Andover St.

L'Italien: New face for new district

Editor, Townsman:

Primary day is Sept. 17, and in Andover, there is something new. Three precincts, 1, 7 and 8, have been shifted to a newly created district, called the 18th Essex. Barbara L'Italien is running for state representative as a Democrat, and I hope that all Andoverites who live in these precincts join me in voting for her.

L'Italien will be a great example of a citizen-legislator. She has no background working in or around the State House. Rather, her background has been one of working for the causes she believes in, at the grassroots level. Her involvement in the Andover schools is known to many of us. She has been a long-time member of Bancroft's PTO and it's School Improvement Council. She will advocate for better state funding for education, where mandated costs continue to rise, causing alarm in every community in the region and the state. She has stated she will work toward

finding tax relief for senior citizens so that they can remain in the homes they have raised their families in. Her resume of working in elder affairs underscores that this is a commitment she can be counted upon to keep. Finally, she will join with our other Andover-based legislators to continue to work for and enhance economic development in the Merrimack Valley.

L'Italien's willingness to show she cares is best exemplified by her 3,000-knocks campaign, as she has canvassed this new district, meeting voters and listening to their concerns. Again, her district is a new one, carved out of six communities.

In the recent past, most Andover has been represented by Barry Finegold, and he will continue to seek support in the 17th Essex district. L'Italien will appear on ballots apart from Finegold, not against him. I ask voters to look for her name on election day.

Gerry Gustus
5 Fern Road

State representative was there when needed on home for handicapped

Editor, Townsman:

State Rep. Barry Finegold offered his support and encouragement over many months during the creation of a home in Andover for our adult handicapped sons. Provision for their

continuing care is a great relief to us as we approach an age when we will no longer be able to provide it.

Finegold expressed sincere interest in our goal and then actively involved himself by

assembling and chairing the initial meetings. He promised his further involvement and support should the project encounter obstacles. Twice it was needed and, true to his word, his response was immediate as he effectively worked with private, local, and state agencies to ensure successful completion of the project. Our long time dream

of a home for our sons in their hometown is now a reality.

Marilyn Casanave,
3 Stinson Road
Alice & Jack Flynn,
3 Tamys Lane
Nancy & Norman MacVicar,
67 School St.
Jane Rzeppa,
42 Stevens St.

Reich: Creative, experienced

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing this letter in support of Robert Reich as a candidate for governor of Massachusetts, based on the following reasons. Robert Reich is the most qualified of all the candidates because he not only understands the issues facing us in Massachusetts, he has concrete plans to deal with those issues. Unlike the other candidates who prefer to spend their time in useless and mostly meaningless rhetoric and mudslinging, he has taken the time to look at the problems facing us and has come up with clear and concise plans that can and will work.

Robert Reich has a reputation for honesty and integrity, is well educated and articulate and has a wonderful sense of humor that he is not afraid to let us see. Combine all of the above with his unique ability to connect with diverse groups of people and there is no doubt in my mind that he will bring us all together to work for the common goal of making Massachusetts a state we can point to with pride.

I firmly believe he is the one candidate that can - and does - think outside the box. He looks

for creative and new solutions - workable solutions - to old problems. I don't think the phrase, "it cannot be done" is part of his vocabulary.

Reich has done many significant things in his career. While Secretary of Labor, he raised the minimum wage, improved pension security, implemented the Family and Medical Leave Act and, even then, was actively pushing for greater corporate responsibility - something all of us now know needs to be addressed.

The Massachusetts state primary is Sept. 17. I ask voters to take the time to get out and vote. I ask the many undecided voters to take a few minutes out of their busy schedule and read about each of the candidates, not just Robert Reich. After they do, I think they'll see why I am urging everyone I know to cast their vote for him.

Robert Reich will bring much to the office of the governor of Massachusetts and, for the reasons listed above and many others, I will be proud to cast my vote for him.

Cynthia Boice Stoltz
1 Waverly Drive

Web question

How will you spend the first anniversary of September 11?

Last week's Townsman Web-site question was:

This week's Web-site question:

Andover residents in the newly formed 18th Essex District will have the opportunity to respond to a question this November on whether marijuana use should be downgraded to a civil rather than criminal offense. Would you vote to ease marijuana penalties? (49 people responded)

• 30, or 61 percent, said "Yes, marijuana cases clog the court system and tie up police who could be pursuing more serious crimes."

• 18, or 37 percent, said "No, downgrading the offense is a bad message to send to young people."

• 1, or 2 percent, said "Other."

Between the town observances and Andover places of worship there are plenty of ways to observe September 11 locally. What do you plan to do that day?

- Stay home.
- Attend one of the town or religious observances.
- Spend time alone in prayer or meditation.
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- Watch September 11 coverage on television.
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OBITUARIES

Paul Bruk Jr.

Bank executive was active at West Parish

Paul Bruk Jr., 65, of Andover, died Saturday, Aug. 31 at New England Medical Center.

Prior to starting his own real estate development company, Mr. Bruk was president of commercial lending at State Street Bank and Trust Co. in Boston.

He was born in Greenwich, Conn., and was a graduate of St. Lawrence University.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Lodge in Andover.

He was a friend of West Parish Church, and he enjoyed helping with church breakfasts. His hobbies included offshore game fishing, upland bird hunting, gardening and dancing to big band music.

He was a member of the Andover Senior Center, where he participated in bridge games.

Members of his family include his wife, Gudrun (Zeifelder) Bruk of Andover; children, Paul Bruk III of Ipswich, Jeffrey Bruk and his wife, Cheryl, of Merrimack, Douglas Bruk and his wife, Jennifer, of Lincoln, R.I.; a sister, Katherine Pearce of Michigan; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Neely House, care of New England Medical Center, 750 Washington St., Boston, MA 02111.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St. Andover.

Burial was in West Parish Garden Cemetery, Andover.

Rose Schaefer

Local resident

Rose (Galeota) Schaefer, 56, of Andover, died Saturday, Aug. 31 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Members of her family include her husband, Daniel Schaefer of Andover; a son, Daniel F. Schaefer and his wife, Pam, of North

Andover; a daughter, Christine Richards and her husband, Fred, of Melrose; a brother, Richard Galeota of New Jersey; and one grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1440 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Dorothy C. Blanchard

Retired at 78

Dorothy C. (Brown) Blanchard, 89, of Andover, died Wednesday, Aug. 28 at home.

Born in Lawrence, she was educated in Lawrence schools and was a graduate of Lawrence High School, class of 1931.

Her late husband, Arthur Blanchard, started the Susie Sweets Bakery and, after his death at the age of 42, Mrs. Blanchard operated and expanded the business from the seacoast to Lowell.

Later, after the sale of the business, she worked for the Arlington Trust Co., and the National Shawmut Bank until she retired 11 years ago at the age of 78.

Mrs. Blanchard was a long-time active member of the United Methodist Church in Lawrence and taught Sunday school for more than 20 years.

She was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and enjoyed going to Fenway Park.

Members of her family include a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Ralph Harding, of Derry, N.H.; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was the mother of the late Arthur D. Blanchard Jr. and Diane DiZoglio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church, 207 Haverhill St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third

St., North Andover. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Salem, N.H.

Richard M. Doherty

Taught at Essex Agricultural Institute

Richard M. Doherty, 65, of Andover, died Wednesday, Aug. 28 at home.

He graduated from St. Francis College and received his master's degree from Cornell University.

Mr. Doherty was an instructor and department head at the Essex Agricultural Institute in Danvers and later was a professor at the North Shore Community College until his retirement.

He attended St. Michael's Church in North Andover.

Members of his family include his wife, Margaret Ann (Gannon) Doherty; brothers, Joseph Doherty of Biddeford, Maine, and Raymond Doherty of Lyman, Maine; a sister, Pauline Gascon of Kennebunk, Maine; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery, North Andover.

Rita A. White

Worked for the Andover Public Schools

Rita A. (McCarthy) White, 74, a longtime Andover resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Lawrence, she graduated from St. Rita's Grammar School and St. Mary's High School.

Although at home for much of her life to raise her family, she later became a crossing guard and a cafeteria worker in the Andover Public Schools.

She attended St. Augustine Church and was a member of the St. Augustine's Women's Sodality and the Augustinian Seminary Guild.

Family members said she especially enjoyed attending and watching the sporting events and activities that included her grandchildren.

DEATHS

Francis X. Ahern, 82
Dorothy C. Blanchard, 89
Paul Bruk Jr., 65
Angelo D. Danella
Richard M. Doherty, 65
Denise C. Dubreuil, 74
Jean K. Hoffman, 73
Ronald Leo Martin, 76
Edith R. Paladino, 80
Rose Schaefer, 56
Rita A. White, 74

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

AHERN - Francis X. Ahern, 82, of Tewksbury, died Tuesday, Sept. 3, at home. Members of his family include his sons and their wives, Kenneth J. and Sharon (Miles) Ahern, and Colin T. and Carolyn (Harvey) Ahern, all of Andover.

DANELLA - Angelo D. Danella of Haverhill, died Sunday, Sept. 1, at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Mr. Danella worked at the Internal Revenue Service mail room in Andover for 10 years until he retired.

DUBREUIL - Denise C. (Vermeulen) Dubreuil, 74, of Salem, N.H., died Tuesday, Sept. 3 at Parkland Medical

Center in Derry, N.H. Mrs. Dubreuil was an inspector at Raytheon Co. in Lowell and Andover, for more than 25 years before she retired.

MARTIN - Ronald L. Martin, 76, of Chester, N.H., died Wednesday, Aug. 28. He worked for Raytheon of Andover for 11 years before retiring to his home in Chester in 1995.

PALADINO - Edith R. (La Mela) Paladino, 80, of Lawrence, died Tuesday, Sept. 3 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Members of her family include her sister, Petrina Zanchi of Andover.

She also enjoyed bowling.

She was the widow of John Brady White, who died last month.

Members of her family include a son and daughter-in-law, J. Daniel and Joanne White of Andover; daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Mark Hutnick of Derry, N.H., Joanne and Norino Mirra of Boxford, and Patricia and Todd Bateson of Andover; a sister, Marguerite T. McCarthy of Lawrence; 12 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lawrence General Hospital Maternal and Child Health Division, 1 General St., Lawrence, MA 01842.

Arrangements were by the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Jean K. Hoffman

Punchard '46 grad was an avid Boston sports fan

Jean (Fowler) Kirkpatrick Hoffman, 73, a longtime resident of Andover, died June 4 in Palm Beach, Fla.

Raised in Andover, she was a member of the Punchard High School class of 1946.

Retired from Bell Telephone Labs/Western Electric Corp. in North Andover, Mrs. Hoffman was an avid sports fan and enjoyed fol-

lowing the Boston Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics and New England Patriots. She was the guest of then-Gov. Francis Sargeant at a Red Sox game where her oldest son, the late Michael W. Kirkpatrick, USMC, a decorated Vietnam veteran, when he threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

She is survived by her husband, Jay Hoffman of Florida; her sons, Bruce C. Kirkpatrick, and J. Scott Kirkpatrick; seven grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Pennick of Harwich; a nephew; two nieces; a grandnephew; and two grand-nieces.

A private memorial service was held July 4 in Florida.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1902

John Schoefield Jr. was fined \$20 for the unprovoked assault of a colored man.

James C. Whittet spent Sunday at his home in Marion.

The average noontime temperature for June, July and the first half of August was 79 degrees, a drop-off of four degrees from the previous year. All figures were taken at the Lawrence police station.

President Theodore Roosevelt began a trip through New England, with stops in both Lawrence and Lowell.

After visiting New Haven, Hartford, Providence and Boston, among other cities, the

President planned a 15-minute stop in Lowell on a Tuesday morning at 9:26, directly followed by another 15-minute stop in Lawrence.

To announce his arrival, a squad from Battery C prepared to fire a presidential salute as the train arrived at the Lawrence station.

A special town meeting took place at Punchard Hall to discuss the appropriation of \$5,000 for smallpox expenses. After much debate, the motion passed by a 60-19 vote.

Labor Day was a quiet one in Andover.

The barber shops were open Labor Day forenoon.

Superintendent and Mrs. Corwin F. Palmer have returned from Columbus, Ohio, where they went to renew former associations.

75 Years Ago - 1927

Andover's tax rate for 1927 as announced by Town Clerk and Treasurer George A. Higgins this morning is \$25.50 (per \$1000), a decrease of \$3.30 over last year's rate of \$28.80. The reduction is due chiefly to the very conservative, if not parsimonious appropriations, at the last Town Meeting and in part to a very slight increase in valuation.

H.P. Eaton Sr., of 49 Bartlet St., is convalescent after a severe shock. He recently observed his 65th birthday.

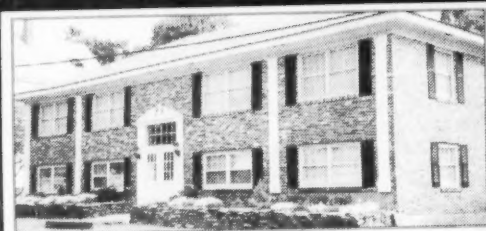
Mrs. Jane Hackney of Red Spring Road was removed to her home in the fire department ambulance. She recently underwent an operation at the Barr Sanitarium.

50 Years Ago - 1952

For the second consecutive year, the Lawrence Gas & Electric Co. was Andover's heaviest taxpayer, with a total bill of \$58,207.47. The American Woolen Co. was second with \$51,596.60 owed.

The Poms Pond staff planned its annual Water Carnival to signify the closing of the season. To celebrate the event, 12 girls from the Huntington YMCA of Boston were invited to give a synchronized swimming performance, and a water comedy act was separately prepared. Children interested in

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TOWN TALK

Nurse-turned-author reads from her new book



TOWNSMAN FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN
Susan O'Neill

Andover author Susan O'Neill will read from her new book, *Don't Mean Nothing: Short Stories of Vietnam*, at Best-sellers Cafe and Book Store, 24 High St., Medford Square next Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m.

Don't Mean Nothing is a collection of inter-connected short stories based on the author's experiences as an army nurse in Vietnam. It has reportedly received excellent reviews from the *Los Angeles Times*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Mademoiselle Magazine* and the Gannett network of newspapers from Detroit, Phoenix and Louisville.

Thirty-three-years ago, O'Neill wandered into a recruiting office in Chicago with a gung-ho friend and – according to the author – the rest, if not exactly history, sparked a novel-in-stories.

A portion of the book sale proceeds from the evening will benefit Partners Home Care, a provider of home health care serving 140 communities in Greater Boston.

The evening is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Phillips Academy makes 'best of private high schools' list

Boston Magazine's annual "best of" public and private high schools in the state is out. While Andover High did not make the grade, Phillips Academy did.

Ten public high schools and seven private high schools were singled out for "doing the best job of preparing their students for college," according to the magazine. "College admissions officials and relevant statistical information" were used to come up with the "best of" list.

The bottom line is high schools where students "connect their academic interests to the outside world" (such as a student who takes an AP government course and then gets involved with a campaign) made the top grade in this survey. Lots of counselors also count for this list, which included Phillips.

Phillips by the numbers shows:

- ratio of students to faculty is 6 to 1;
- student/adviser ratio is 10 to 1;
- average SAT scores of 668 verbal, 676 math;
- \$495 million endowment;
- one-fifth of the teachers have doctoral degrees; and
- annual price tag is \$22,600 for day students, \$28,520 for boarders.

The Phillips description goes on to say, "the nation's oldest incorporated boarding school, founded in 1778, recruits students from around the world to its 500-acre campus, which has facilities that rival any college's – thanks largely to its \$495 million endowment."

Phillips Academy spokeswoman Tana Sherman had no comment about the good grade from *Boston*, as she had not yet seen the article.

– Judy Wakefield

Paving the way back to school

With the first day for St. Augustine School students approaching, workers earlier this week seemed to be finishing the so-called "bump-outs" on School Street. Bump-outs are areas of curbing that bump out into the road just before an intersection, preventing people from parking near a corner.

The bump-outs on School Street protrude noticeably beyond the former white lines that showed people where to park. The new, enlarged curbing area prevents cars from passing on the left of vehicles that are planning to make a right-hand turn and it forces drivers to slow to a near stop to make such a turn.

Teddy bear alert

The homeless teddy bear is still waiting for his family to come and get him. Suzanne Burgess noticed that someone had left behind the bear after the town's Teddy Bear Picnic last month and took him home. Kim Stamas, recreation coordinator of the Department of Community Services, said that anywhere from 100 to 300 children participated in the picnic and she had not heard from anyone who lost a bear. Burgess would like the owner to know that she found the bear and he is safe.

"We still have him sitting right here," she said.

The owner of the bear can contact Burgess at: 978-474-8759.

Ted Harrison Rink hosts open house

The Ted Harrison Rink at Phillips Academy will host an open house from 2 to 3:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, to introduce local residents to the Basic Skills, Tot Lessons, Skate to Fitness and Ice Dancing programs. These lessons will begin the week of Sept. 9.

In addition, application information will be available for area residents to join the new Phillips Academy Skating Club, which will make dedicated ice time available for open skating, freestyle and stick practice sessions throughout the year. Already 84 residents have joined the club, and that number is expected to grow to 500. To make membership affordable, the 2002-03 fee is \$35 for the first member of a family and \$15 for each additional family member. Daily fees will be charged each time a member skates. Complete information is now available at the rink or by calling 978-684-7200 to request an application form.

Those registering for a Skating School program or joining the Skating Club are invited to bring skates and join in a free open skate from 2:10 to 3:40 p.m. Sunday.

"We're very excited to offer these programs and services to the community as we open the Ted Harrison Rink for its first full season of ice skating," says Benjamin Ruggles, manager of rink operations. The state-of-the-art facility opened in February 2002. Staff members will be available at the open house to answer questions.

Ready to fly

Cadet commander Britton earns Civil Air Patrol wings

By Ben Hellman

A FIRST SERGEANT barks the command and 25 cadets fall in for roll call. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Victoria Britton supervises the operation and, when the sergeant is finished, marches out to accept the roll. She presents it to her superior officer and receives the drills for the day.

Asked about how her squadron addresses her, Britton says, "They call me colonel or ma'am. It makes me feel kind of old, but it's proper customs and courtesy."

Britton is 17, an Andover High senior – and a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

She returned a call from the *Townsmen* with this introduction: "This is Lieutenant Colonel Victoria Britton."

Specifically, Britton is the cadet commander of the Essex County Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol. In reaching lieutenant colonel, Britton has reached the second-



Victoria Britton is 17, an Andover High senior, is aiming to become a colonel.

highest rank attainable, but she's not stopping there. "Colonel is the highest you can get. I'm almost there," she says.

According to Britton, 85 percent of search-and-rescue missions inland are conducted by Civil Air Patrol. "I spend most of my time working with Civil Air Patrol," she says.

On Monday nights the CAP cadets meet to go through their marching drills. They march in tight formations, memorizing patterns and learning to move in synch. Britton supervises her squadron's drills at these weekly meetings and leads them in squadron competitions.

In competition, she is given a specific set of commands to issue her squad; a second part of a competition requires the squad to march, without help from spoken commands, in a pattern it has memorized.

Britton completed her first solo flight Aug. 9, a clear summer morning. Britton described the day as just any day of flight training, but her instructor had a surprise for her.

"She just jumped out of the plane and

said 'It's all yours.' I was kind of not expecting it," said Britton.

The flight was smooth. Britton touched down and took off again three times.

"It was wicked exciting. All week long, you've been preparing for it," she says. After her flight, the other cadets congratulated her for her achievement. "Everyone dumped water on you," she says.

After she completed her solo flight she graduated from the program. "At the graduation they pinned on your wings," she says.

Britton's father, Andover Police Sgt. Lee Britton, looked on while his daughter got her wings. He is also a technical sergeant in the Air Force Reserve.

Asked how she got into CAP, Britton said, "My dad's in the Air Force. I've always wanted to fly."

Britton would like to go to college after high school and enroll in an ROTC program. After college, she wants to join the Air Force. "I want to fly larger cargo planes," she said.



Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Victoria Britton completed her first solo flight last month at Otis Air National Guard on Cape Cod. Her graduation from the program was also at Otis.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

50 YEARS AGO – 1952

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racing against their peers were also encouraged to attend.

An influx of new students pushed Andover's school enrollment to 4,500, which was a jump of more than 400 from the previous year.

Public school students expected to number 2,045, with Pynchard High responsible for 380 of those. Phillips Academy, on the other hand, continued to reach its maximum capacity of 720.

Fourteen Andover boys were among the 174 students awarded scholarships to attend Phillips Academy.

The latest acquisition to the town's fire fighting equipment, a 1,000-gallon triple combination pumping engine for which the town meeting last March appropriated \$17,000, arrived last week and after acceptance tests to be held this week will be placed in service.

The new Central elementary school will open for the first time next Monday morning when Miss Catherine M. Barrett, principal, and her staff will welcome some 600 pupils to the 18 grade and two kindergarten classrooms.

25 Years Ago – 1977

According to the Andover

High School guidance department, 238 of 460 graduates planned to attend a four-year university in the fall.

Of the other 222 students, 100 prepared for full-time employment, 62 looked toward junior college, while the remainder were either attending prep school, technical school, the Armed Forces, nursing school or had yet to decide on their immediate future.

The selectmen of Andover granted permission for the New England Power Co. to run power lines across Bailey Road and River Road in west Andover. These lines transferred power from the Seabrook, N.H. nuclear

facility, and replaced existing lines that transmitted less energy. All new lines were placed on poles approximately 90 feet high.

Andover comedian Jay Leno appeared on *The Tonight Show*, and mentioned that he sent his mother several photos of himself for the *Townsmen*. However, his mother reportedly refused to give them to the paper because his hair was too long. Instead, Leno said she preferred a 1968 high school photo, which he showed to the *Tonight Show* audience for a laugh.

A week after Andover selectman Richard J. Bowen said he was "sick and tired of hearing about \$90,000 properties that pay less than \$900 a year in taxes," a town meeting was planned to discuss property revaluation.

Once again one of the biggest changes is in the traditional school, which is going into its second year much enlarged. Whereas there was one class for each grade level last year, there will be two traditional classes for each grade except sixth grade at West Elementary this year.

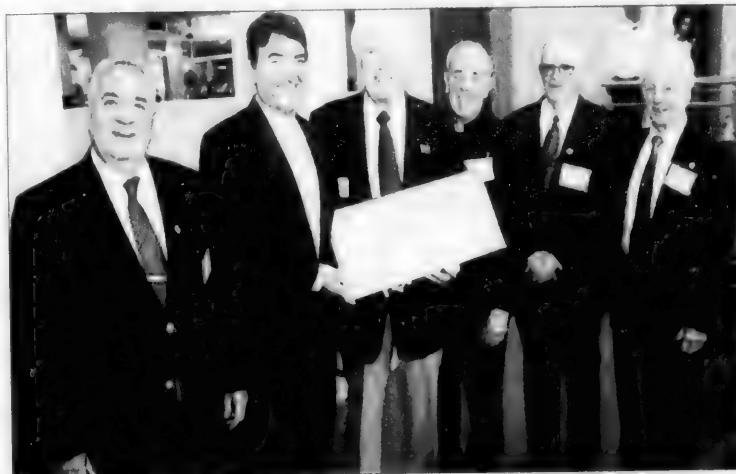
10 Years Ago – 1992

After passing its state licensing inspection, Wingate nursing home opened and prepared for its first residents to move in later in the week.

With 123 beds and three levels, a private room was priced at \$200 a day while a semi-private room was priced at \$175 a day.

Jade Reitman, principal of South Elementary for seven years, was transferred to Sanborn Elementary for the upcoming school year. This was a part of Superintendent Mark McQuillan's staff rotation policy, in which every Andover public school was given a new administrator.

GOLDEN GIFT



Andover resident Rev. James Wenzel (fourth from left) recently celebrated his 50th Merrimack College reunion, leading the charge that raised \$105,000 for the class of 1952 gift. The class had a 77 percent participation rate and surpassed their original \$100,000 goal. Part of their class gift established the 1952 Scholarship Fund and supported various programs important to the growth of Merrimack and the future of many students. Several 1952 class members gathered to present a check for \$105,000 as their class gift to Merrimack College. Pictured here are (from left): John Sangermano; Richard J. Santagati, Merrimack College president; Jim O'Brien, class chairman; Father Jim Wenzel; Phil Cullen; and Jim Maloney. To contribute to the fund, contact Elizabeth Magliozzi at 978-837-5190.

BIRTHS

BARONE - A son, Christopher, to Robert and Susan (Hillmann) Barone of Marblehead, on July 23. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas J. Hillmann of Andover and Mr. and Mrs. P.V. Barone of Winthrop.

BERRY - A daughter, Sydney Lena Berry, born July 10 at Winchester Hospital. Parents are Wayne and Karen Berry of Andover. Maternal grandparents are Judy Hogan of Medford and the late Walter Hogan. Paternal grandparents are Dean and Darlene Reesor of Tennessee, and the late James Berry. Her great-grandmother is Althea Hogan of Medford. Sydney joins her sister Teresa, 18 months, and brother Jackson, 1.

CAMASSO - A son, Kyle Robert Camasso, born to Heidi and Doug Camasso of Methuen on Aug. 1. Grandparents are David and Maria Hoskinson of Lawrence and Judith Camasso of Methuen. Great-grandmother is Maria Todd of Andover. Kyle joins his brother Cameron.

CUTLER - A son, Myles Ponty Cutler, born to Andrew and

Katie Ponty Cutler on July 8. Grandparents are Phyllis Ponty Haas and Ernest J. Haas of Swampscott, formerly of Andover, and Lynda Jordan Cutler of Los Angeles, Calif. Myles is the grandson of the late Howard D. Ponty. He joins his sister, Hannah, 4.

KEA - A daughter, Ella Frances Kea, born to Robert and Cathy (Ziegenbein) Kea of Southborough on Aug. 12. Grandparents are Richard and Barbara Collins of Andover and William and Martha Kea of Cataumet. Great-grandmother is Frances Beechner of Lincoln, Neb. Ella joins Jacob, 4 and Hayden, 2.

LAVALLE - A son, Michael William LaVallie, to William L. LaVallie Jr. and Michele A. (Haddad) LaVallie of Methuen on Aug. 5. Grandparents are William L. Sr. and Debbie LaVallie. William and Lila Haddad of Andover, and Laszlo and Mary Kun of Bradford.

LOUIS - A son, Duncan Howe Louis, born to Lori Howe and David Louis of North

Andover on July 25. Grandparents are Clifford and Jane Howe of North Hampton, N.H. and Brady and Renie Louis of Erie, Pa. Great-grandparents are Doug and Marie Howe of Andover. Duncan joins Simon.

MAJOR - Twins, Brendan Patrick Major and Nicole Lee Major, born to Brian and Margaret (Gemmell) Major on May 16. Grandparents are Peter and Anne Schwind of Andover and Norman and Brenda Major of Plaistow, N.H. Great-grandparents are Consuelo Rees of Lafayette, La., Exeline Major of Keene, N.H. and Robert and Mary Jane Eastman of Springfield, Vt. Brendan and Nicole join sisters, Rachel, 4½, and Danielle, 2.

MARTELLUCCI - A son, Braydon Lee Martellucci, born to Marcie Lutsch and Jarrod Lee Martellucci of Andover, on July 25. Grandparents are Salvatore P. Martellucci of New Durham, N.H. and Helmut and Amanda Lutsch of Andover.

McMULLEN - A daughter, Viviane Barthelmeess McMullen,

born to Frederick A. and Vivian (Barthelmeess) McMullen of Andover, on Aug. 14. Grandparents are Luis and Charlene Barthelmeess of Sarasota, Ill. and David and Catherine McMullen of Hilton Head, S.C. Viviane joins brother Alexander.

PAQUETTE - A son, Matthew Paul Paquette, born to Paul and Tammy (Doyle) Paquette of Londonderry, N.H. on July 29. Grandparents are Martha and Edwin Doyle of Andover and Mary and Normand Paquette of Oldsmar, Fla. Matthew joins Christine, 3, Cindy, 8, and Julianne, 16.

PENDLETON - A daughter, Elizabeth Creed Pendleton born to Sarah Creed Pendleton and Jerry Pendleton of Cheever Circle on Aug. 15. Grandparents are Jerry and Roberta Pendleton of Madison, Conn. and Anne V. Creed of Wayzata, Minn. Great-grandparents are Miriam Pendleton of Islesboro, Maine and Herb Hazledine of Oldsmar, Fla. Elizabeth joins brother, Thomas, 2.

SCARINGI - A daughter, Sophia Elena Scaringi, born to

Stephen and Deborah Scaringi of Westborough on June 11. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Frank Coppola of Andover and Mr. and Mrs. John Scaringi of Middleboro. Sophia joins Nathan.

SLAYTON - A son, Michael Robert Slayton, born to Robert and Lisa (Aiello) Slayton of Andover on July 5. Grandparents are Lawrence and Patricia Aiello of Andover, Ronald Slayton of Andover and Eileen Slayton of Cambridge. Great-grandparents are Salvatore Panarello of Revere, Eleanor Alongi of Kennebunk, Maine, David and Anna Crichton of Millbrook, N.Y. and George and Frances Slayton of Wappinger Falls, N.Y. Michael joins sister Victoria Cecelia, 2.

SMUK - A son, Andrew Douglas Smuk, born to Jeffrey W. and Pamela J. (Burgeson) Smuk of Andover on Aug. 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. Douglas Burgeson of Moultonboro, N.H. and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smuk of Ottawa, Canada. Andrew joins sister Allison Marie, 3.

TUBINIS - A daughter, Paige

Geneva Tubinis, born to Mark Andrew and Martha (Rattan) Tubinis of Andover on Aug. 15. Grandparents are Walter and Joanne Rattan of Kenosha, Wis., and Dorothy Tubinis of Penfield, N.Y. Paige joins brothers Luke and Andrew.

WATSON - A daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Watson, born to Rick and Maggie (Easton) Watson on June 11 at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Grandparents are Cabot and Ruby Easton of Andover and Dick Cathy Watson of North Brunswick, N.J.

WITMAN - A daughter, Ellery May Witman, born to Amanda Witman and Sean Donohue of North Andover on Aug. 10 at home. Grandparents are Peter and B.J. Witman of Andover, Donald Donohue of Lawrence, and Andrea Gates of Elberta, Alabama. Great-grandparents are Bill and Barbara Brown of Concord, N.H. and Gertrude Witman of Salem, N.H. Ellery is welcomed by brothers Everest, 4, and Alden, 2½.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Exercise Registration: Registration for fall exercise classes will take place at the center next week. Stop by if you are interested in signing up for many fitness, senior modified yoga, line dance, cardio conditioning using equipment at the Andover Training Station. Line dance, low-impact aerobics, water workout, tai chi or women's strength-training. Classes begin the week of Sept. 9.

Fall Newsletter: Our fall newsletter, which lists all special events, trips, and classes through November, is currently available at the center. We invite you to drop in and pick up a copy.

Mentoring Program: We will be working with Bancroft School this fall on a special mentoring program with elementary-age students, which will require a one-hour-per-week commitment. Anyone who might be interested in this type of intergenerational opportunity may contact Pat at the senior center.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Sept. 9 at 1 p.m., we will show the recent release *I Am Sam* starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Sean Penn. Reservations are not necessary - just drop in and join us. Andover Video supports our movie days.

North End Trip: The center will sponsor a trip to Boston's North End on Thursday, Sept. 12. The day will include a guided walking tour of this famous and colorful neighborhood, along with time for you to shop,

browse or enjoy lunch. Cost is \$22, which includes tour and transportation. Sign up at the center if you'd like to travel with us.

Creative Cooking: Our monthly creative cooking classes will resume Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. Mediterranean cuisine will be served, and the cost of the class is \$6, which includes lunch. Pre-registration is necessary so we can anticipate appropriate food needs. Newcomers are welcome to join.

Newcomers' Coffee: We invite anyone desiring information about our upcoming fall programs to join us Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. Come meet the staff and find out about the many classes, activities, trips, cultural events and volunteer opportunities the center has to offer.

Subscription Series: New this year is a chance to enjoy the Andover Chamber Music Series at the Rogers Center for The Arts at Merrimack College. The first concert in the series is: *Rondos, Rags, and Riffs: The Influence of Jazz*, which is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket cost is just \$12, which is a 40-percent savings off the regular price. If you enjoy music, don't miss out on this offering, as seating is limited.

Lunch Bunch: Our lunch bunch will travel to Luciano's restaurant in Wrentham on Oct. 16, but reservations will be accepted only until Sept. 15. This popular restaurant is a recipient of the 5-star diamond award. Entree choices will be veal parm or broiled scrod. Cost is \$33, which includes lunch and transportation. Spaces are

limited.

Quilting Class: An intermediate quilting class will be starting Monday, Sept. 9, and a beginner's class will get underway Monday, Sept. 23. There is no charge for the course, but materials must be purchased. Pre-registration is necessary, so stop into the center if you would like to participate.

Journal Writing: A six-week intermediate journal-writing class will be offered Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 12. A pre-requisite is having completed the beginner's course or equivalent experience. Pre-registration is required, so stop into the center to register. Cost is \$25.

Cardio Conditioning: The center will offer an eight-week cardio-conditioning class at the Andover Training Station beginning Friday, Sept. 13 at

11:30 a.m. Get a great workout on treadmills, exercise bikes and other fitness equipment under the professional eye of a personal trainer. Cost is \$50, and space is limited. Registration is through the senior center only.

Spirituality Discussion Group: The spirituality discussion group will resume Thursday, Sept. 12 at 1:30 with a discussion of *The Celestine Prophecy* by James Redfield. Anyone who is interested in the topic is welcome to join the group.

Woodcarving Class: A 10-week woodcarving class under the direction of Fred Arakelian will get underway Monday, Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. Some experience with carving is helpful, but newcomers or those interested in learning this art form are invited to register (\$20).

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Along with running the company, Martha is involved with community service. She is especially proud of her work with the Alzheimer's Partnership in the Merrimack Valley, which provides training and support to families and public-service organizations.

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Education

ON CAMPUS

Two students from Andover received their degrees during the commencement exercises May 19 at the University of Rhode Island.

Matthew B. Gilmore of 8 Elysian Drive and Ellen A. Salerno of 22 Railroad St. both received bachelor of arts degrees in communication studies.

The following two students from Andover have been named to the dean's list of the University of Rhode Island for achieving a high academic standard in the 2002 spring semester: Matthew B. Gilmore, 8 Elysian Drive; and Courtney Thistle, 17 Orchard Crossing.

Eligibility for the dean's list requires a student to carry 12 or more credits in a particular semester and achieve a 3.3 quality-point average, based on the letter grades received during the term.

The University of Massachusetts Lowell announced its spring semester 2002 dean's list students from Andover.

A grade-point average of at least 3.0 with no grade lower than a B must be attained for inclusion on the dean's list.

Andover students are: Aron K. Belloradio, 7 Aspen Circle; Edmond P. Boulanger, 101 North St.; Ashley G. Chandler, 1 Pioneer Circle; Katrina Espiritu, 392 N. Main St.; Michael L. Gaulin, 32 Lucerne Drive; Keith A. Issa, 131 North St.; Christopher D. Lane, 6 Rock O'Dundee Road; Rebecca B. McMahon, 84 Blanchard St.; Carrie A. Messina, 14 Elm Court; Kelly Anne Murphy, 256 River Road; Nolan R. Pelletier, 24 Woodhaven Drive; Amelia S. Pineault, 209 Lowell St.; Shardul N. Ramolia, 11 Pole Hill Drive; Diana E. Rita, 26 Woodhaven Drive; Jeffrey D. Rogers, 9 Michael Way; Lisa V. Suglia, 26 Tilton Lane; Charles R. Tardugno, 2 Brierwood Circle; and Joshua H. Wilkie, 5 Elm Court.

Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. celebrated its 154th commencement, Sunday, May 19.



Scott Andrew Shinker, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arnold N. Shinker, of Andover, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in environmental science.

The following Andover students have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at Stonehill College: Susannah Araujo, a freshman, and Timothy Page, a sophomore.

The following students at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., achieved

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AT THE OPEN HOUSE FOR THE NEW SCHOOLS - Above, seventh-graders Laura Renfro, Kathryn McDonnell, Catherine LoMedico, and sixth-grader Katie Nadelson check out the lockers at the new Wood Hill Middle School, which opens its doors to students today, Thursday.

At right, Jimmy Comeau found his homeroom at High Plain Elementary as his dad, Jim, looks on. ▶

Below, athletes are going to love the new gym at Wood Hill Middle School. ▼



▲ Above, Lea Macheras and her brother, Alex, check out a skull in the health classroom at High Plain Elementary School.

Let's eat - Below, the lunch room at High Plain Elementary School. Is it Two Taco Tuesday yet? ▼



Photos by
Tim Jean

Schools open for learning

Day One: Andover students find out what's new in their schools today

By Ben Hellman

NO MATTER WHAT public school students attend this year it will be a different experience for everyone.

Except at Andover High School, redistricting and the opening of the new schools will alter both whom students attend school with and how many students there are in the building. Hallways will be easier to negotiate between classes. The playgrounds may appear just a little emptier during recess. But the reduction in students per building doesn't always translate to lower student to teacher ratios.

With the exception of the high school, which will have 54 more students than last year the schools will see a drop in student population.

On the elementary level, West Elementary will have 197 fewer students. Bancroft will have 151 fewer students, and Sanborn will have 132 fewer students.

The middle schools will also open this year with fewer students per building. Doherty will have 208 fewer students. West Middle will have 129 fewer.

The dramatic drop in building population can disappear in individual classrooms. Doherty classes will lose fewer than one student per classroom in sixth and seventh grades, but actually pick up 4.41 students per room

in the eighth grade for a middle-school high of 29.71 students per classroom. West Middle loses fractions more than a single student per classroom in each grade level.

All Day Kindergarten

The all-day kindergarten program that started at Shawsheen will be systemwide this year, with a section in every elementary school. The program costs parents \$3,500 and received rave reviews from past Shawsheen principal Brenda O'Brien and pilot teacher Irene Velonis.

Velonis said that the program allowed the teacher longer one-on-one time with the students and allows for less "hurried" time. Velonis said that a nap time she had allowed for was not necessary. Students preferred quiet time when they were allowed to play or interact quietly.

West Elementary principal Charlie Friel was anxious to get the program going back in July, before the new schools opening was even a certainty.

"Parents have been asking for it," said Sanborn principal Stephen Jankauskas. "We're itching to get started on it," he said.

South

South School Principal Eileen Woods is looking for-

ward to having students back this week.

Woods says her teaching staff is energized around three initiatives this year. The school's technology initiative is continuing with the expansion of the laptop program. This year a second, fifth-grade section is being added at South, making for two fourth- and two fifth-grade sections at the school.

South teachers will complete their social competency or open circle training this year. The program teaches children a common language for problem solving and understanding acceptable conduct in the classroom.

The third initiative is the John Collins writing project which is a writing technique that remains consistent from year to year.

South School's new theme for the year is "Our children, the heart of our community and our country."

Bancroft

Principal Scott Morrison is excited to expand the mentoring program. Alliance of Juniors and Seniors, or AJAS. "It's kind of a play on the word ages," said Morrison. The program brought five members of the Council On Aging into Bancroft School to mentor five students. This year there will be 10 mentors. "I'm quite excited about that," said Morrison.

The program came about through Morrison's friendship with the late senior center volunteer Ron Haley. Morrison was building a phone system out of PVC pipes that would allow students to read writing assignments to each other through the building. Morrison thought a senior resident might have the know-how and the time to help out. Morrison found Haley through the town's senior center.

"The conversations I had with him were pretty powerful," said Morrison. Haley's friendship and help were so beneficial that when Haley passed away a year ago Morrison asked Haley's wife Dolores if she would like to volunteer.

The AJAS program was born. Senior mentors came in to help students with school work or reading and to be friends. Morrison hopes to see it expand again next year.

Other changes at Bancroft this year are the new gym floor and a replacement bridge that acts as a fire escape. Morrison said that rain damage and aging contributed to the need for the replacements.

Sanborn

"We're expecting a smooth opening," said Sanborn principal Stephen Jankauskas.

Jankauskas celebrates returning to a school that won't be crowded. At 370 students Sanborn has lost more than 100 students. Jankauskas will reclaim art, music and health rooms. The teachers will have a staff room again. There will be plenty of room for special education. "We've regained the spaces," he said.

Columbus Day weekend will bring an exciting change for Sanborn students and an impressive feat by parent volunteers, he said. Parents who helped raise \$60,000 last year to build a new playground will physically construct it this year during Columbus Day weekend. "It'll be an old-fashioned barn raising," said Jankauskas.

Sanborn students will have the opportunity to learn French or Spanish after school this year. The Global Child program will give parents the opportunity to start their children on foreign languages early. The Global Child Program is scheduled for discussion during the first Sanborn PTO, next Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. Global Child is slated for 7:30 p.m. discussion.

"Science Matters" is Sanborn's theme for the year. "We'll put science in the forefront this year," Jankauskas said.

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the dean's list, which requires a grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.89 with a course load of at least 14 hours, in the spring semester of 2002: **Brittany Ann Cohen-Iveson** of 5 Pad-dock Lane; **Michael Robert Burton** of 101 Wild Rose Drive; and **Matthew Ryan Ely** of 174 Jenkins Road.

Meghan Anne Lynch was awarded her masters of science degree in education during the 152nd commencement exercises at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. She was also inducted into the Kappa Delta Phi international education honor society. She will continue as the assistant coach to the women's soccer team at Bucknell. She is the daughter of David and Valerie Lynch of Ogunquit, Maine and the granddaughter of Anna Lynch of Andover.

Charles Jordan, a member of the Golden Key and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies, graduated from the Florida State University College of Business in April with a bachelor of science in finance.



Charles Jordan

A 1998 graduate of Andover High School, he is the son of Robert and Maryann Jordan of Andover.

Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland announced dean's list honors for the spring semester and degree recipients at commencement 2002 included **James Thomas Kremer** of Andover, who received a bachelor of science degree in engineering (mechanical engineering), May 2002.

Meghan B. Doyle received a bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude, June 6 from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va.

Doyle majored in chemistry while at Washington and Lee, she was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta pre-medical honor society, Chi Omega sorority, contributing author to *W&L's Journal of Science* and head counselor for the Summer Scholars program. She was also principal cellist of the University-Shenandoah Symphony Orchestra.

Next year she will attend medical school.

Allison M. MacRae, **Caroline P. Torrisi**, and **Nicole A. Shoemaker** of Andover, were among the seniors who received bachelor of arts degrees May 26 at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

MacRae, the daughter of Angus and Maureen MacRae of Andover, graduated with a major in biology with a concentration in cell and molecular biology/biochemistry. She received honors for dean's list, distinction in major, Phi Beta Kappa, and summa cum laude.

Torrisi, the daughter of Anthony and Linda Torrisi of Andover, graduated with a major in English and a minor in philosophy.

Shoemaker, the daughter of Stephen Shoemaker of Sugarloaf, Pa., and Arthur Shiro of Andover, graduated with a major in government and history. Shoemaker was also named to the dean's list.

The following students at Brown University in Providence, R.I. received a bachelor of arts degree: **Hieu Dinh Nguyen**, son of Hiep Dinh Nguyen; **Jacob Simon Berman**, son of Dr. and Mrs. David Berman; and **Drew Dunford Maletz**, son of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Maletz, all of Andover. The graduates received their degrees at the school's 234th commencement on May 27.

Nguyen earned his degree in comparative literature (English and one foreign-language literature), and business economics with special academic honors.

Berman earned his degree in history with special academic honors.

Maletz earned his degree in music.

Andrea M. Buonaugurio of Andover was among 416 graduates to receive a bachelor's degree May 27 from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine during the college's 136th commencement exercises.

Buonaugurio graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. A dean's list student, she participated in the Big Brother/Big Sister program, volunteered at the Renaissance House and took part in a modern dance performance in the spring of 1999. She was the assistant manager at The Ronj, the student-run coffeehouse on campus. Buonaugurio studied abroad in Australia during her junior year. A 1998 graduate of Andover High School, she is the daughter of Angelo and Pamela Buonaugurio, 7 Wycrest Circle.



Allison M. MacRae



Caroline P. Torrisi



Nicole A. Shoemaker

Rebecca Sprattler of Andover made the dean's list for the 2002 spring semester at Lasell College in Newton. Sprattler, a member of the class of 2005 is majoring in education.

Wake Forest University has announced its dean's list for the spring semester of 2002. **Rebecca Courtney Ambro**, 11 Berkeley Lane, achieved the required 3.0 or higher grade-point average.

Casey Russo of 5 Linda Road, a student enrolled at Syracuse University, was named an academic peer adviser for the School of Architecture for the 2002-03 academic year.

Russo is a junior majoring in architecture.

Student peer advisers help first-year students in the School of Architecture with the academic, social, cultural and emotional transition from high school to college. With the support of the peer adviser, first-year students learn the academic policies of the school and university, acquaint themselves with school and university support systems and services, and explore academic program options. Peer advisers, who must have a grade-point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be considered for the position, maintain their relationship with their advisees throughout the academic year.

Columbia University's Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science awarded bachelor's degrees this past spring in New York City, in a commencement ceremony that marked the end of Columbia's 248th academic year. Graduates included **Jeffrey Shyu** of 6 Starr Avenue East.

Students received degrees in the class of 2002 at Union College's commencement exercises June 16, in Schenectady, N.Y. Andover students include **David M. Chapin** of 21

Lucerne Drive, a graduate of Andover High School, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering, magna cum laude.

Sean P. Fitzgerald of 8 Worthen Place, a graduate of Phillips Academy, master of science in computer science.

David M. Shaughnessy of 14 Osgood St., a graduate of Brooks School, bachelor of arts (double major) classics/art.

Sara J. Tuman of 63 High Plain Road, a graduate of Andover High School, bachelor of science in psychology, cum laude.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute awarded diplomas at the university's commencement exercises.

Andover graduates include **Robert Carroll Busby Jr.**, majoring in management information systems; **Ethan Kane Murphy**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald John Murphy, majoring in mathematical sciences; and **Anil P. Ranganath**, son of Vanigere and Prabha Ranganath, majoring in computer science.

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Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology in Boston at the 94th commencement exercises held in the Institute's Auditorium.

Eskinder received an associate degree in the computer engineering technology program.

Andrew Frishman, son of Michael A. Frishman and Kay Berthold Frishman of Andover, received a master of arts in teaching degree from Brown University in Providence, R.I. Brown awarded degrees at its 234th commencement May 27.

Frishman earned his degree in biology. He attended Phillips Academy, and graduated in 1993.

Andover native **Stephen F. Dietz** graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. one of more than 1,000 students receiving bachelor of arts degrees at the June 9, commencement exercises.

Dietz, son of Katherine and David Dietz, majored in economics.

Colby College has announced that Andover residents **Stephanie L. Pierce**, **Alexis A. Caselle**, **Karli A. Jaffe** and **Kyle G. Miller** were named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2001-02 school year. To make the dean's list a grade point average of at least 3.20 in the previous semester is required for upperclassmen, and a grade point average of at least 3.0 in the previous semester is required for first-year students.

Pierce, a member of the class of 2005 is majoring in sociology. She is the daughter of Roger and Judith Pierce.

Caselle, a member of the class of 2004 is majoring in international studies and economics. She is the daughter of Paul and Adrienne Caselle.

Jaffe, a member of the class of 2003 is majoring in psychology; her minor is Jewish studies and theater and dance. She is the daughter of Frederick Jaffe and Myrna Zetlan.

Miller, a member of the class of 2005. He is the son of Donald and Lisa Miller.

Allana Christine Clarke, daughter of Allan and Carol Clarke of Houston, Texas, was awarded a bachelor of arts degree, cum laude, with a major in art history, from Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn.

Clarke, a Margaret Hyde Council Scholar, was captain of the equestrian team, a member of the cheering squad, and a certified aerobics instructor.

She studied abroad during her junior year at Lincoln College, Oxford University.

Clarke was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies. She is a member of the Chi Omega sorority. Clarke attended Andover High School and graduated from Taylor High School, Katy, Texas in 1998.

She enrolled in the International Summer Session at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and was selected to represent the Swedish Club of Houston in Smaland, Sweden this summer.

Katharine Buckley, a first-year student at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, was named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2001-02 academic year.

She is the daughter of Gary and Susan Buckley of Andover.

Bentley College in Waltham announced the names of residents named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement and the president's list for extraordinary academic achievement in the spring semester.

To be named to the president's list, a full-time student must have a grade-point average of 3.7 or higher, with no course grade below 3.0 during the term.

The following residents of Andover were named to the president's list:

Caitlin Murray, a junior, an accountancy major; **Kristin O'Neill**, a junior, an information design and corporate communications major; **Thomas Page**, a junior, an accountancy major; **Patrick Roy**, a sophomore, a business major; and **Michael Shanahan**, a sophomore, a marketing major.

To be named to the dean's list, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.3 or higher with no course grade below 2.0 during the term.

The following residents of Andover were named to the dean's list:

Philip Bancroft, a junior, a finance major; **Danielle Castignetti**, a junior, a finance major; **Shawn Grosser**, a senior, an international studies major; **Michael Monteiro**, a senior, a marketing major; and **Jeffrey Vallera**, a sophomore, an accountancy major.

Boston College 2002 graduates from Andover include the following students:

Suzanne L. Dalby, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clive Dalby of 517 Lowell St., received a

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bachelor of science degree with a major in nursing.

Abbie Elizabeth Daniel, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jack Daniel Jr. of 14 High St., received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in communication.

Lauren Angela Mallen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Mallen of 3 Zamboni Terrace, received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in sociology.

Sara J. Tully, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tully of 5 Peppercorn Lane, received a bachelor of arts degree with a

major in secondary ed/history.

Mark L. Wood graduated from Massachusetts College of Art in commencement ceremonies held May 25, in Boston. Wood is the son of Florence Feldman-Wood and Peter T. Wood of Rocky Hill Road and former senior-class president of Andover High School Class of 1996.

He is working as an artist for Turbine Entertainment Software in Westwood, producers of the online game Asheron's Call.

Carrie English has been chosen to receive the Arthur

and Evelyn Lower Scholarship at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

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English, the daughter of Ted and Karen English of Chestnut Street, is a graduate of Phillips Academy.

Michael Wallace of Andover, an information systems major at Daniel Webster College, has been named to the college's president's list for his continued academic achievement.

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SCHOOL TALK

Andover High School PAC will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9 in the AHS Media Center. The speaker will be **Principal Peter Anderson**.

A PAC business meeting will follow, concerning the proposed school budget, future guest speakers, and other topics.

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Camping, hiking, building model race cars, and serving the community are some of the many activities of **Andover Pack 73 Cub Scouts**. Registration is open to all first-through fifth-grade boys. An information and registration night is set for



Local Cub Scouts attend Yankee Clipper Council Camp — Andover was well represented last month at Lone Tree Scout Reservation, a day camp in Kingston, N.H. where boys participate in various Cub Scout activities. Members of Cub Scout Pack 73, Pack 77, and Pack 79 from Andover, as well as Pack 80 from Dracut — worked together to achieve advancements in nature, crafts, archery, swimming, fishing, and physical fitness. The theme this summer was "Frontier Days." Some of the many campers who participated include (seated, from left): Ryan Fleming, John Scarborough, Evan Gaj, Ben Van Doren, and Eric Struhl. (Back row): Jim Parkin, David Daniels, Sam Pratt, and Mike Lustwick. Not pictured: Anthony Broccoli, Brian Knapp, Connor Hagan, Kyle Hagan, Jesse Crane, Sean Montgomery, Alex Davidson, Michael Davidson, Andrew Nickerson, Charlie Nickerson, and Philip Rosario-Rapoza.

Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7 in the Bancroft School cafeteria. All interested boys and their families are welcome.

Pack 73's first official meeting will take place Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m., also in the Bancroft cafeteria. Boys will

make mousetrap-powered cars and race them. New Scouts can also sign up that night.

Cub Scouts have many activities throughout the year. In past years, they've had overnight visits to the battleship *Massachusetts* and the Higgins Armory.

This year they'll spend the night at the EcoTarium, an interactive science museum in Worcester.

A calendar of Pack 73's activities can be found at <www.southchurch.com>

For more information about Pack 73, contact Cubmaster **David Schuh** at 978-475-8459; Committee Chairman **Bruce Dunbar** at 978-470-0134; or Tiger Coach **Leslie Quartararo** at 978-470-1350. Questions can be e-mailed to <cubmaster@schuh.org>

Families of **Cub Scout Pack 77** held their annual family picnic last month at Recreation Park. Everyone enjoyed the baseball, egg toss, tug-of-war, and pie-eating contest. The gathering put the finishing touches on another year of Scouting. Pack 77 had an event-filled year, with a fall hike, Christmas toy and clothing collection for local children in need, sleepover at the Museum of Science in Boston, Pinewood Derby tournaments, participation in the Veterans and Memorial Day parades, a family overnight camping trip at Pawtucketaway State Park in Nottingham, N.H., and several annual community service projects. Many Pack 77 boys also took part in Yankee Clipper Council camps this summer, with a variety of Boy Scout and Cub Scout camping programs.

An active group, Cub Scout Pack 77 meets at West Parish Church on Monday nights during the school year.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR



The Amesbury Playhouse presents *Stand Up for America* Wednesday, Sept. 11 in Amesbury. See listing for details.

Thursday, September 5

Auditions. Merrimack Junior Theatre's *No. 9. A Million Times No.* for students in grades 2-6, 6-9 p.m. Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street; 978-475-3422.

Women in Business Mixer, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, 5-7 p.m., Fairfield Inn by Marriott, 1695 Andover St., Rte. 133, Tewksbury; 978-640-0700.

Songs & Stories of Victorian America, performed by Jim and Maggi Dalton, \$10, \$5 under 16, \$5 members, 7 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

Live comedy, with Boston comedians, Tony V., Mike McDonald, Brian Longwell, free, 8 p.m., Wingate Theatre, 45 Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-521-7664.

Friday, September 6

Auditions. Conlett Kids, for kids in grades 3-8, 3:30 p.m., West Elementary School auditorium, Beacon Street; 978-689-2399.

Nonsense. Colonial Chorus Players, \$10, 8 p.m., First Congregational Church of Reading, 25 Woburn St., Reading; Maryellen (781) 944-9780, <www.colonialchours.com>.

Patsy Cline opens, a Main Stage production, \$25-35, call for times, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, <www.stonehamtheatre.org>.

Live music. Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone, \$10, 7:30 p.m., Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Live music. Ilene Springer, singer-songwriter, 8 p.m., \$8 at the door, Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

Live comedy. Mike Donovan, Larry Norton, Jason Robito, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy. Robbie Printz, Paul Keenan, Lance Buchanan, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Auditions. Merrimack Junior Theatre, see Sept. 5 entry.

Saturday, September 7

Ballard Vale block party, noon-4 p.m., Ballard Vale playground; Chris & Diane Huntress 978-475-7738, <chuntress@attbi.com>; rain date is Sept. 8.

Flea market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; 978-388-1117; rain date is Sept. 14.

Outdoor film, *Rudy*, (Rated PG, 116 mins.), part of Mosquito Cinema series, 9 p.m., outside Addison Gallery, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, rain moves film inside Kemper Auditorium, next to Addison.

Live music. Marty Berk Trio, jazz trio, 8 p.m., \$8 at the door, Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

Live music, annual banjo and fiddle contest, free, noon, Boarding House Park, downtown Lowell; 978-970-5000, Ext. 41, <www.lowellsummermusic.org>.

Live jazz, with Riverboat Stompers, \$10, 8 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m., North Shore Arts Association, 197R East Main St., Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

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Sunday, September 8

9-11 Remembered. artistic performances by several artisans from the North Shore including The Herb Pomeroy Trio (jazz), with wine and cheese reception following, call for prices, time, North Shore Artists Association, Pirate's Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Live jazz. Phil Person with the Barbara and Al Boudreau jazz quartet, \$5, 6-10 p.m., Studio Restaurant, Rocky Neck Avenue, Gloucester; 978-283-8797.

Opening reception, for works by artist John Mulcahey, free, 2-4 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

Monday, September 9

Fatherhood Coalition-Merrimack Valley meeting, 7 p.m., Coburn Hall, UMass-Lowell, south campus, Lowell; Jim 978-659-9354.

Tuesday, September 10

Auditions. New England Classical Singers, all parts wanted, South School; 978-521-5468 to schedule audition time.

Andover Pack 73 Cub Scouts registration, for boys in grades 1-5, 7 p.m., Bancroft School cafeteria; Debbie Hagan 978-470-8907.

Girl Scout recruitment night, for girls ages 5-17, and troop leaders of all ages, 7:30 p.m., Spar and Spindle Council, Rte. 114, North Andover; 978-689-8015.

Panel discussion for human resource professionals, focusing on how to re-energize your work force, sponsored by Northeast Human Resources Association, \$20 students, \$55 non-members, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Radisson Chelmsford; 781-235-2900, <info@nehra.com>.

Live jazz, with The Jeff Stout Deblarkin Quintet, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

Wednesday, September 11

Merrimack Valley Camera club meeting, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-685-8317, <www.mvcameraclub.org>.

Patriotic musical. *Stand Up for America*, by Michael Barczak and Val Waldron Barczak, \$26-35 with dinner, \$15 show only, noon for dinner, 1 p.m. show, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hilton Senior Center, 61 Lafayette Road, (Rte. 10, Salisbury; Tom 978-462-8518.

Retirees club information meeting. Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA) of UMass-Lowell, 10 a.m.-noon, north campus, Fox Hall, Lowell; 978-934-3135.

Adoption information meeting. Florence Crittenton League, 7 p.m., 119 Hall St., Lowell; 978-452-9671.

Thursday, September 12

11th annual Used Book & Vinyl sale opens, sponsored by Andover Historical Society, \$1 a bag, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

Andover author reading. Susan O'Neill of *Don't Mean Nothing: Short Stories of Vietnam*, free, 7 p.m., Bestsellers Cafe and Book

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A tale of two bards and banjos

Couple returns to sing at Andover Historical Society tonight

By Ben Hellman

Once upon a time, bards roamed the countryside learning songs and stories and singing and telling tales to earn their keep. Husband-and-wife team Jim and Maggi Dalton have picked up that tradition and are bringing it to Andover.

Tonight, Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. the Daltons will perform their show *We ARE Amused: Songs & Stories of Victorian America* at the Andover Historical Society. The couple spoke about their show, their life together and the "bardic function." Their show's title lampoons Queen Victoria, who responded prudishly once to a comic remark saying, "We are not amused."

The couple sings and tells stories and will play guitar, mandolin, concertina and some very old banjos for the concert. They will explain the meaning of each song and give background information so the audience understands its historical relevance.

Those who know little about Victorian America will be enlightened and are also in for some fun, they say. Darwinism, increased voting rights and the Civil War were important events driving that period, which Maggi believes saw the formation of the American character.

What is Victorian American music? Jim quipped, "The three things there have to be, to be a truly American Victorian song, are mother, death and furniture." His joke refers to



Maggi and Jim Dalton have chosen the "bardic function" over more traditional careers.

song titles like *Grandfather's Clock*, *Old Armchair* and *Vacant Chair*. Each tune refers to an older relation who died leaving behind a nostalgic piece of furniture. In *Vacant Chair* someone goes off to war, leaving an empty chair. In *Old Armchair* the mother actually dies in the chair.

"These songs were done in people's homes," said Maggi. Families gathered around the piano and sang together.

At tonight's concert, the Daltons will also perform minstrel songs, reform songs, old

standards from Stephen Foster and old Irish and British songs that were popular in America.

Life of a modern bard

Writers, performers and historians, the Daltons have played gigs around the country and collected old instruments, songs and stories along the way. Local history has driven their research and molded the 25 programs in their repertoire. The couple have 40 instruments in their apartment. "The musical instruments have their own bedroom, but we don't

We sleep on the futon," said Maggi.

To go along with the instruments are 45 book cases. "It's very crowded. There isn't room to stretch your arm out and move around," said Jim.

It's not hard to see how things pile up. Jim's current project is transcribing old banjo music. He has collected 700 pieces and has already transcribed 400 of them. Banjo music was notated differently in the last century and the instrument itself was tuned lower than modern banjos. "It was a much quieter instrument," said Jim.

"Our idea of a good time is to go somewhere and find a used book store and spend too much money buying music and books from the 19th century," said Maggi.

The Daltons have performed together for 21 years. "We've been married for 19 years. I've been happy with you for 21 years," Maggi said to her husband.

"It's a great way to make a living," she said, though the Daltons note that when they aren't performing or researching they must look after the business side of their venture. "When you're working for yourselves, you never stop working," said Maggi.

Tickets to the show at the Andover Historical Society are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 16 and under and \$5 for Historical Society members. For further information call 978-475-2236.

ACMS strikes up a new musical season

The Andover Chamber Music Series has planned a varied concert series for the 2002-2003 season at the Rogers Center for the Arts.

The concert series opens Saturday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. with *Rondos, Rags and Riffs*, exploring the unique elements of jazz and their influence on classical music. Among the musicians performing are clarinetist Todd

Irina Muresanu and other artists will bring *The Gypsy Spirit* to life.

The 6th annual Valentine Concert, *Romance in the Belle Epoque*, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m. Works by Debussy, Damases, Duparc and Fauré promise an evening that celebrates music, life, and love. Tenor William Hite returns by popular demand along with Hodgkinson.



ACMS founder and artistic director Julia Scolnik

Thomas, violinist Scott Yoo, pianist Randall Hodgkinson and ACMS founder and flutist Julia Scolnik in works by Gershwin, Martinu, Bernstein and Milhaud. Also included is a flute transcription of Schoenfeld's *Café Music for Piano Trio*.

The Annual Family Concert, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 27 at 4 p.m. features the work of New York composer Bruce Adolph. *Tough Turkey in the Big City*. This film noir spoof is about a turkey who ventures away from the farm and into the big city, all told through instruments, music and a narrator.

The Gypsy Spirit, scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. explores the melodies influenced by the European Gypsies. Brahms' *Hungarian Dances* for 4-hand piano, his *Piano Quartet in G minor* and Sarasate's *Zigeunerweisen* are a sample. Prize-winning Romanian violinist

Weber *Flute Trio* and Dohnanyi's *String Serenade*. Artists include former New England Conservatory president and cellist Laurence Lesser, and faculty members violinist Lucy Stoltzman and violist Kim Kashkashian.

The Rogers Center for the Arts, close to interstates 93 and 495, is handicapped-accessible and free parking is available.

To order tickets and for more information call 978-474-622 or toll-free (866) 335-3400. Those interested can e-mail <info@andoverchambermusic.org>, or order tickets online at <www.andoverchambermusic.org>.



Carol Boileau, the artist of this work, is one of many local artists to be featured at this year's Art in the Park.

Picturesque event scheduled for Park

The Andovers Art in the Park will open for its 28th year on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The all-day affair will feature fine art in all mediums for show and sale. Works will compete for ribbons and cash awards. Art in the Park is held outside at the Park, off Bartlet and Chestnut streets.

The free event, lasting from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., will feature more than 100 artists. Refreshments and parking will be available. The event is handicapped accessible.

The Andover Artists Guild, a non-profit organization, uses the proceeds to assist high-school seniors in continuing their education in the visual arts.

Andover artists who are participating are Carol Boileau, Diane Butler, Sheila Corbitt, Arlene Greenspan, Paula Gronquist, Janet Hamlin, Molly Mugler, Renee Sanft, Wilda Squires and Meg Sullivan.

The rain date for the event is Sunday, Sept. 15.

Local merchants will show art works by participating artists in their display windows as a special preview next week, according to a release.

Calling young thespians

The Merrimack Junior Theatre is holding auditions for its fall musical today, Thursday, Sept. 5 and Friday, Sept. 6 at the Doherty Middle School auditorium in Andover center from 6 to 9 p.m. Auditions are open to children in grades 2 through 6.

Children should prepare to act out a short poem or monologue (one minute maximum) and to sing the first two bars of *My Country 'Tis Of Thee*.

This fall's musical will be the Samuel French Melodrama, *No, No, A Million Times No.*

Rehearsal will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30. The production will take place the weekend of Nov. 15.

In keeping with the melodrama genre, it will feature villains, heroes and a forlorn maiden in need of rescue. The audience will be encouraged to boo and hiss accordingly.

Questions can be directed to MJT President, Corinne Gediman at 978-475-3422 or <gediman@attbi.com>.

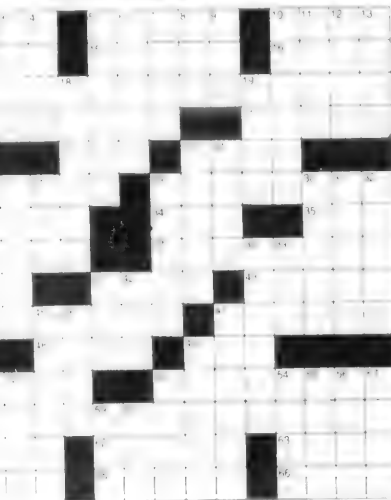
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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Store, 24 High St., Medford Square, Medford

Homebased Businesswomen's Network meeting, with guest speaker Peggy Leon of Primerica Financial Services, 7 p.m., Village Green, Rte. 1 north, Danvers; Elaine Abramo 978-531-3051.

Open mike night, free, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441. <www.crescentdragon.com>

Friday, September 13

Human Resource Social, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, 5-7 p.m., Prescott House, 140 Prescott St., North Andover; 978-685-8086.

Pastel, mixed water media workshop, by painter Frank Federico, \$150 for three day workshop, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., workshop happens outdoors, weather permitting, register at North Shore Arts Association, 1977R East Main St., Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Live music, with guitarist Denny Breaux, \$8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441. <www.crescentdragon.com>

Live comedy, Rocco & Rosie's comedy wedding, Greg Carey, Mike Coleman, Brendon Fitz-

patrick, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH

Live comedy, John David, Bob Niles, Chris Walsh, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Used book and vinyl sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., see Sept. 12 entry.

Saturday, September 14

Andover Art in the Park, featuring works by 110 artists from all over New England, free admission, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., The Park, Chestnut and Bartlett streets; rain date is Sept. 15.

Outdoor film, Remember the Titans, (Rated PG, 113 mins.), part of Mosquito Cinema series, 9 p.m., outside Addison Gallery, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, rain moves film inside Kemper Auditorium, next to Addison.

Andover Chamber Music Series opens its season, with *Rondos, Rags, and Riffs*, exploring jazz and its influence on classical music, \$20-25, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-474-6222

Music demonstration, with MusicTogether of the Andovers offering free demonstration classes at an open house from 9 to 11 a.m., Unitarian Universalist church, 6 Locke St.; 978-688-3326

Live swing music, with Soft Touch Dance Band (18-piece orchestra), \$25, 7-11:30 p.m., sponsored by St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church of Merrimack Valley, complimentary appetizers, cash bar, Andover Town House, 20 Main St.; Vahe Apelian 978-475-6192.

Health, Safety & Fun Fair, benefits Lawrence Girls and Boys Clubs, free, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., face painting, bike helmets for the first 100 children present, karate demonstrations, refreshments, Lawrence Boys Club, Water Street, Lawrence; 978-683-2747.

Spaghetti supper fundraiser, benefits Tewksbury Community Pantry, \$6 adults, \$4 children under 12, \$20 family maximum, 4-8 p.m., St. William's School Hall, 1351 Main St., Tewksbury; 978-851-6815.

Free technical seminar, sponsored by Macena Systems, Sheraton Fenncroft Resort, Rte. 1, south, Danvers, call for times; Sheila Bachri 978-750-8222. <www.macena.com>

Rehearsal, Merrimack Valley Players is looking for performers for their annual Christmas concert, Methuen Memorial Organ Hall, Methuen; call Dawn Marie Gabriel at 603-893-6226 for time.

Live music, with Colleen Sexton, \$10, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441. <www.crescentdragon.com>

Live music, with Lui Collins, \$12, 8 p.m., doors open at 7:15 p.m., North Parish Church, North Andover; 978-687-3960

Live comedy, Bob Hagearty, Brian Longwell, \$8, 8 p.m., Wingate Theatre, 45 Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-521-7664.

Live comedy, Greg Carey, Mike Coleman, Brendon Fitzpatrick, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH

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Pastel, mixed water media workshop, see Sept. 13 entry.

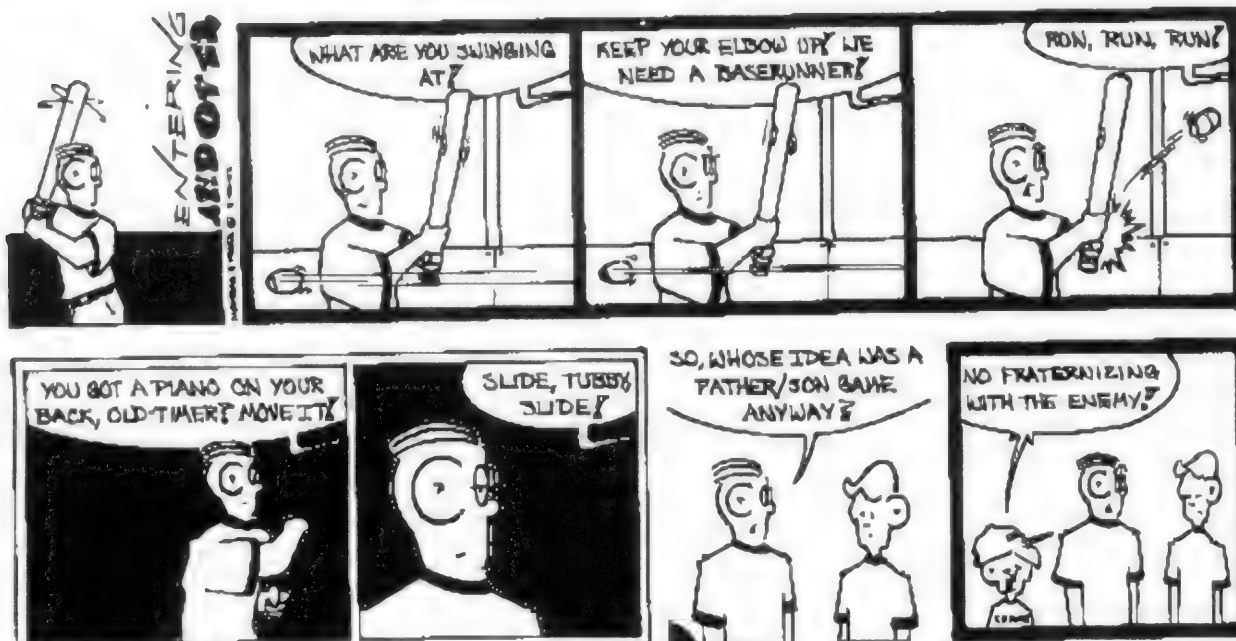
Sunday, September 15

Hike for Hope, 5-mile walk starting and ending at Merrimack College benefits Lazarus House of Lawrence, 1 p.m., Tim 978-689-8575. <www.lazarushouse.org>

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Sports

Fall teams looking for competitive edge

This week: Close-up look at AHS varsity football, field hockey and golf teams

By Rick Harrison

Today the Townsman continues previews of 2002 Andover High fall varsity sports with a look at the football, field hockey and golf teams.

FOOTBALL

While the Andover High varsity football team may not be as explosive as last year, the Golden Warriors have been hard at work trying to find different ways to win games this fall.

Last year the locals piled up 247 points, averaging 24.7 per game, but they also surrendered 259 on the way to a never-a-dull-moment 4-6 record.

It will be hard to surpass the excitement generated week-after-week by that high-scoring group, which registered wins over Dracut (28-21), Methuen (26-20), traditional New Hampshire Division 2 power Exeter (21-20) and Thanksgiving rival Central Catholic (24-12).

Every loss was close including overtime setbacks to Tewksbury (34-28) and Super Bowl qualifier Haverhill (22-20), along with regulation setbacks to Foxboro (34-26), Chelmsford (34-32), Lowell (28-22) and Billerica (34-20).

But the entire starting offensive backfield from that club, which accounted for 238 points, is gone.

Graduates included top scorers Chris Callison (94 points, 804 yards rushing), fullback Sean Smith (52 points) and Bruce Brown (32 points, 727 yards).

Callison is playing at the University of New Hampshire, Brown at West Point and Smith is a post-graduate at New Hampton Prep.

Junior quarterback Brendan Smith, who scored 32 points and tossed seven touchdown passes, was eligible to return but transferred to New Hampton where he joins brother Sean.

Other top grads were Jason Crabbe (Dean Junior College), Alex Gostanian (St. Anselm), Brian Durie (St. Anselm), Chris Barry (North Colorado State) and Marc Barnaby (New Hampton).

Head Coach Ken Maglio, who begins his seventh season as top man (29-32-2 record) and 33rd year overall with the AHS program, has eight returning starters and five other lettermen.

They were among the 65 players that attended Camp Merrow Vista in Tuftonboro, N.H., near Lake Ossipee, for five days of pre-season training camp. It is the second year the Golden Warriors have gone away to camp.

"It's a very beneficial trip," said Maglio. "It's an invaluable team bonding experience as kids get to know each other much better."

Players that normally wouldn't pal around with each other become closer friends."

Register for Church Basketball League

The Andover Church Basketball League is currently holding registration for children in grades 4 through 8.

Registration forms are available at various town churches, the Andover Hockey Shop in Shawsheen Square and at Memorial Hall Library.

The deadline for registering is Sunday, Oct. 6.

The fee is \$40.

The ACBL has six separate divisions for boys and girls. They are Junior (4th grade), Intermediate (5th-6th grade) and senior (7th-8th grade).

Games are played on Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Andover High Field House beginning Dec. 7.

Practice for all teams starts Monday, Nov. 4.



Coach Ken Maglio hopes the Golden Warriors will have a better record this year by playing better defense. Andover plays at Malden Catholic next Friday night, Sept. 13. Above right, the field hockey team, coming off its best year in AHS history, opens its season today. The Townsman is previewing all nine 2002 Andover High fall varsity sports teams with in-depth profiles. Three teams are previewed this week; four teams were previewed last week.

Maglio is generally pleased with what he's seen in pre-season.

"We have very good size and experience in the line. We're untested at the skill positions, but we hope to be a surprise team in the conference."

The returning starters are led by senior captains Jason White (6'0", 222 pounds) and Jordan Thibault (5'10", 221), a full-back-linebacker and noseguard respectively.

Other seniors are two-way tackle Russ Stevens (6'3", 270), linebacker Greg Hartwell (5'10", 178) and wide receiver-defensive back Nick Stamas (5'11", 166).

Junior starters are two-way tackle Phil Perkins (6'4", 267) and tight end-defensive ends Chris Vining (6'1", 221) and Matt Wolfman (6'1", 217).

The five other lettermen are all juniors, guard Brendan Day (6'3", 265), wide receiver-defensive back Dennis Collins (5'11", 183), guard-linebacker Scott Kahn (5'10", 195), center-nose guard Ben Newman (5'11", 222) and quarterback-safety Joel Keefe (6'1", 194).

Keefe also does the placekicking and is the only player back who scored points last year (nine PATs).

Heading the list of varsity newcomers is junior quarterback-safety Brent Hyde (5'8", 165), who reportedly has the inside track as Brendan Smith's successor.

Senior newcomers are guard-tackle Ryan Donohue, running back-defensive back Joe Robichaud, running back Alex Lau, two-way tackle Andre Perron and tight end-defensive end Mike Petrillo.

Juniors include Hyde, halfback-defensive back Logan Moggio, defensive end Jason Shoemaker, running back Chris Zonghetti and fullback Devin Trainor.

Sophomores are running back Shaheen Ghandchi, running back-linebacker Matt Hennessy, linebacker Nathaniel Welch, guard-defensive tackle Mike Cerchione, running back-defensive back John Fox, guard-linebacker Matt Quinlan and fullback Mike Muccio.

Two freshmen who are potential impact players are wide receiver Buddy Farnham, an Austin Prep transfer, and Tom White.

Returning as assistant coaches are defensive coordinator Gary Freker, Joe Celia (quarterbacks/wide receivers), former University of Michigan lineman Joe Marinaro (line), Bob Simmons (defensive backs) and freshman coaches Ken Pellerin and Gavin Evans.

New to the staff is Bob Fitzmaurice of Tewksbury, who coached at Malden Catholic and for several years has been head coach of the Lowell Nor'easter team in the New England Football League.

The Golden Warriors have scrimmaged

Medford and Reading, and tomorrow evening the final pre-season practice game is scheduled at home against North Andover (5 p.m.).

The 11-game regular season opens with a pair of new non-league opponents, Malden Catholic and Wachusett Regional of Holden.

Andover plays at Malden Catholic next Friday night, Sept. 13, and the home opener is Sept. 20 at Lovely Field against Central Mass. school Wachusett Regional (7 p.m.).

Wachusett stepped in when Foxboro dropped off the schedule at the last minute. The MVC opener is Friday, Sept. 27 at Methuen.

Top teams this fall in the competitive conference, which had four teams (Haverhill, Lowell, Chelmsford, Central Catholic) share the title last year, should be Chelmsford, Billerica, Central and Methuen.

FIELD HOCKEY

What to do for an encore? It will be hard for the Lady Warriors to top last year — the most successful season in AHS field hockey history.

But, having started a new tradition of excellence, the quest to remain the best begins today (Thursday) when the locals play at Bedford in a non-conference season opener.

In 2001 Andover won the Merrimack Valley Conference championship for the first time, finishing 17-2-1 overall with the only losses 1-0 to Tewksbury late in the regular season and 1-0 to Danvers in the Division 1 North Tournament semifinals.

AHS chalked up a record 14 shutouts, including a 2-0 tourney-opening win over Needham, and overall outscored the opposition by a wide 48-7 margin.

Methuen was the only team to score more than once against Andover, registering two goals in a season-opening 3-2 AHS win.

According to fifth-year head coach Maureen Noone, the players are committed to keeping the Lady Warriors at or near the top of the conference.

"A lot of them went to camps during the summer and played indoors last winter to improve their skills," said Noone. "They came to pre-season training in shape and physically we're a very fit team."

Top graduates from the history-making squad were goaltenders Angelica Rotsart and Heather Miller, along with Elysia Yet (six goals), midfielder Kara Spang (four goals, eight assists), Tristina Carlson, Meg Reilly and Joan Moffitt.

Rotsart and Carlson are attending Northeastern University, Spang is at Keene State, Reilly at the University of Vermont and Moffitt will attend St. Anselm College.

This year's turnout of 57 candidates



included five returning starters and five other letterwinners.

Leading the way are the three captains, senior midfielder Stephanie Casper, senior forward Grace Farnham and senior back Katie Seero.

Two-time All-Conference choice Farnham, looking at the University of New Hampshire for next year, led the team and conference in scoring last fall.

Farnham set single-season school records for goals (19) and total points (25), and those are also believed to be all-time single-season conference scoring marks.

An ice hockey and lacrosse standout as well, she also scored 14 goals, four assists as a sophomore and enters this season with career totals of 33 goals, 10 assists.

The AHS sniper, who may draw double and triple coverage from some rivals, figures to be even more dangerous to the opposition this year after attending three different field hockey camps over the summer.

Casper, a top track athlete looking at either Northeastern or UNH for next fall, earned All-Conference field hockey honors last year after netting six goals and distributing 10 assists.

Other starters back are senior center-defender Amanda Gallant and junior forward Adrienne Shea (eight goals, four assists).

Additional letterwinners from 2001 are senior forward Carolyn Berberian, junior midfielder Krissy Levis, junior forward/defender Ali McCoy, junior sweeper Brittany Wadbrook and sophomore forward Jacqui Munro.

New to the varsity are junior forward Allison Abreau, sophomore goaltenders Elysia Slovin and Ayisha Rabbini, junior goalie Kristen Beechinor, junior defender Stephanie Sweeney and senior sweeper Kerrie Dargan.

"We have to fill the gaps on defense and in goal, but we'll have a 'no-quit' attitude and we expect to be competitive in every game," said coach Noone.

The Lady Warriors had practice games against North Andover and Stoneham, while also playing five mini-games at the Danvers High Play Day.

Assistant coaches are former Wilmington High player Leanne McConologue (JV) and Megan Cuff (freshman).

GOLF

As usual, veteran Andover High golf coach Bob Lawson will go no farther than to say his 2002 team will be "competitive."

Such modesty has held Lawson in good stead over the years, as his Golden Warrior teams have won close to 400 Merrimack Valley Conference matches, 14 league titles and qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament 24 times.

Specifically, his overall won-lost-tied record is a dazzling 385-96-15 including 163-22-6 over the past 13 years.

Although five players graduated from last year's MVC title team, those eligible to return could make this another season to remember for the AHS linksmen.

Top graduates from the 2001 squad, which finished 11-5 before placing second in the North Sectionals and fourth at the All-State Division 1 Championship, were Dan Lentz, Derek Barenboim, Tim LeGrow, John Herling and Peter Burbank.

There were 22 candidates for this year's squad and 12 passed qualifying rounds to make the cut.

Returners who started all or most matches last fall are senior Capt. Brian Alberico and Andy Haak, junior Jason Edelstein and other seniors Andy Ahern, Chris Kaminski, Andy Santos and Jon Shaw.

Under the medal play format, which returns this year, Alberico, Haak and Edelstein all averaged below 40.0 strokes per nine-hole round last season.

Alberico had an outstanding summer, placing first in the Junior Rogers Tournament Intermediate Division and high on a list of nationwide competitors at the 34th annual Independent Insurance Agents Junior Classic presented by the Tiger Woods Foundation.

Alberico, who was seventh after the first day (36-36-72) and 14th after the second, finished the four-day, 54-hole stroke-play tourney with 72-77-76-225 at Northgate Country Club in Houston, Texas.

Alberico was All-Conference last year while Edelstein, who tied for seventh in the Junior Rogers, was an MVC All-Star.

New to the team are seniors Jeremy Cohen and Shawn Furey, junior Joe Reynolds, sophomore Jon Yost and freshman Jon Derby.

"A lot of our kids played junior tourneys this summer — some of them out-of-state — and did well," said Lawson.

"I think we'll have to prove ourselves again. The league will be tough. Central Catholic, Lowell and Billerica have been strong in recent years, and Tewksbury usually has a couple of outstanding players."

"I think a couple of our new kids will be pleasant surprises."

Home matches will again be played at Indian Ridge Country Club, and the MVC season begins this afternoon (Thursday) at home against Lowell which handed AHS two of its five losses in 2001.

A non-league match earlier this week against reigning North Sectional and State Division 1 champ St. John's Prep of Danvers, also at IRCC, was an official match for SJP but a practice for Andover.

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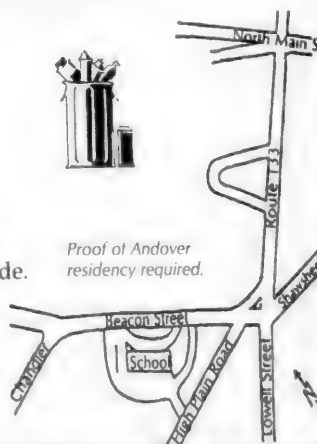
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The 20 team event was held in an elite field for competition in the ECTB World Series in August from tournament champion teams from Maine to Maryland from earlier in the season. They assembled for the World Series at Waterbury, Conn. The TNE squad qualified for the World Series event by earlier winning the ECTB Clash of Champions in Philadelphia, Pa. in July and taking that tournament championship by being undefeated in the ECTB event. The tournament win in July earned them a seed in the ECTB World Series championship series.

The 15U TNE team outscored its opponents 51-0 in the World Series, defeating the Vermont Storm, 10-0, Connecticut Wolves 3-1, Westchester County (NY) 14-0, Maine Schooners 4-0, and CT Pride 5-0.

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The AL Tigers edged the NL Rockies, 4-3 in extra innings, to capture the Andover Little League Minor Division Town Championship this summer. Members of the team, which finished 16-2 overall including playoffs, are (front, from left): Tom Adie, Conor McAuliffe, Eli Grober, Ellis Heneghan. Second row: Kyle Wanzek, Matt Regan, Tony DeSalvo. Third row: John Sullivan, Colin Champagne, James Connors, Ryan Yaghmoorian, Kevin Roselle. Back row: Coach Mike McAuliffe, Coach Steve DeSalvo, Manager Chris Regan, Coach Kevin Roselle.

Tigers roar to Minors Championship

The Andover Little League Tigers, a 16-2 overall record including playoffs, to capture the Andover Little League Minor Division Town Championship under the lights at Deyermund Field this summer.

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The Tigers finished the season with a 16-2 overall won-lost record including playoffs.

The champions' roster included Tom Adie, Colin Champagne, James Connors, Tony DeSalvo, Eli Grober, Ellis Heneghan, Conor McAuliffe, Matt Regan, Kevin Roselle, John Sullivan, Kyle Wanzek and Ryan Yaghmoorian.

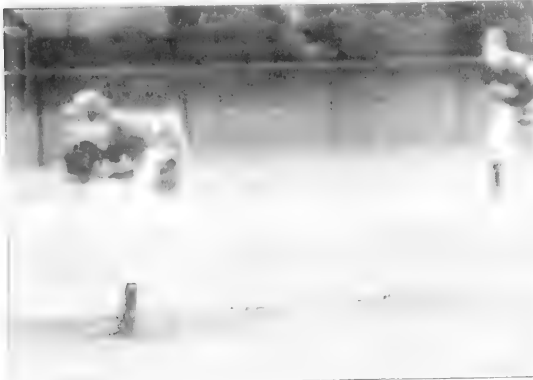
Chris Regan was the team manager and coaches were Mike McAuliffe, Steve DeSalvo and Kevin Roselle.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application made by 422 South Main Street, LLC for a modification of a previously approved definitive subdivision Plan entitled "Demers Way", on a property owned by the applicant located off Dutton Road, more specifically identified as Parcels 127, 127A, 127B, 127C, 127D, and 127E on Assessor's Map 19. The sole purpose of the applicant's request is to modify the previously approved definitive subdivision by changing the subdivision name from Demers Way to Village Way. No other revisions are to be considered. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Matt Hogan (left) of Andover pitched a shutout Aug. 17 against the Maine Schooners in the ECTB World Series at West Haven, Conn.

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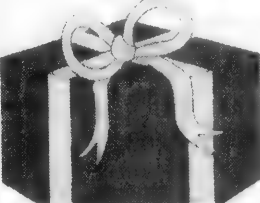
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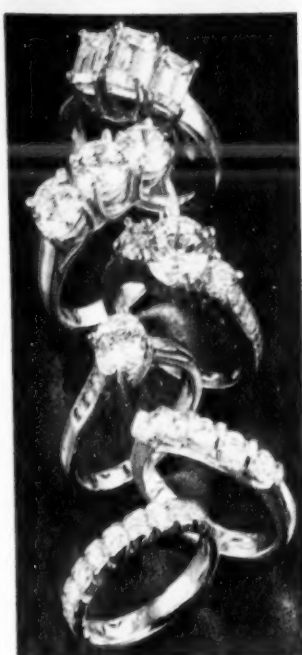
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